

June 2013 Minutes

The Weeders Annual Meeting

Home of Lynn Gibbons

President Linda Anderson began the meeting at 10:50, welcoming us all and thanking Lynn Gibbons for lending her home as our meeting site. She then expressed thanks to Meeting Chair Ellie Penniman and Hostesses Diane McCallister, Ellen Pemberton, Wendy Bailey, Lois Renthall and Lynn.

BUSINESS

Linda asked for a motion to waive the reading of the minutes from the June 2012 Annual Meeting, then for another motion to approve them. These motions were made and approved.

The Treasurer's Report was approved.

Lloyd Brown gave us a brief description of her trip to New York as part of the GCA Centennial celebration. Along with the Central Park Garden Conservancy, GCA members visited our Centennial Founders Fund project in Central Park. Through our partnership with the Conservancy, the five acre garden at 69th Street and 5th Avenue was planted with 10,000 Narcissus 'Garden Club of America' bulbs.

Alice Doering announced that she has the Challenge Plants for the fall Flower Show. They are dahlias - some red, some white - and cost \$5.00 each.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: All committee reports are attached.

Nominating Committee: Sally Wood read the report listing the slate of officers proposed for the coming year. Following Roberts Rules, Linda asked for a motion to accept it, which was made by Ellie Penniman. Linda next asked for a motion to second it, which was made by Ellen Pemberton. The Secretary was then asked to cast one ballot for the election of the officers, which she did. Linda declared that the officers named in the report had been elected.

Admissions: Chair Diana Mason filed a report, but was not in attendance to read it.

Archives/History: Maria Thompson read her report, sharing with us a "gem from the past": In 1958, Olaf Skoogfors was commissioned by The Weeders to design and produce a trophy in honor of Mrs. W. Chattin Wetherill and called The President's Cup. The first recipient was the daughter of the honoree, our own Cynthia Wetherill Wallace. A poem accompanied the presentation of the sterling silver "oblong box shaped like an Elizabethan jewel casket". The President's Cup is now in the collection of the Philadelphia Museum of Art and, from time to time, is exhibited with other silver objects in the American Wing.

Lemon Hill: Beth Bartle's report described the enjoyment shared by the members of the decorating committee participating in this annual Christmas season event, the Fairmount Park holiday house tours.

Strafford Station: Alice Doering reported on the progress made by the committee, directed toward the beautification of the landscape around this local landmark.

Gazebo Garden: Cheryl Cheston reported that since The Weeders took responsibility for this garden at Ludington Library in 2011, the committee has been able to arrest the decline and maintain it reasonably well. She hopes to continue editing and then add woody plants this fall and next spring.

Conservation: Nancy Evans filed a report, but was not in attendance to read it.

Scholarship: Sonya Driscoll filed a report, but was not in attendance to read it.

Horticulture: Diane McCallister thanked all who participated in the great Concourse Lake bulb planting event last fall, and those whose help was integral to the success of the Hort. Workshops this year.

Communications: Cheryl Cheston filed no formal report, but reminded us to send our communications to her for dissemination. She also thanked those who RSVP to each meeting. It's important to the hostesses who must plan/ purchase our morning treats and lunches.

Program: Jackie Burke's report reviewed the year's programs. She also said that since Mt. Cuba, our meeting site in May, charged no fee for our morning there, she sent them a donation and received a note of thanks in return.

Garden History and Design: Julie De Vouno filed no formal report, but said she received a letter stating that the committee's documentation of Phoebe Driscoll's garden last year had been accepted for inclusion in the Smithsonian's Archives of American Gardens.

Visiting Gardens: Polly Garnett filed no formal report, but she asked anyone with ideas of gardens to visit to please let her know.

AWARDS

Marilyn Sprague spoke first about some changes to the wording of several of the awards before the presentations were made for this year.

Flower Show Awards: Melissa Bullitt presented these year-end awards to the recipients amid well-deserved applause. The complete list is attached.

Marilyn presented the next group of awards:

GCA Award for garden club service of more than 50 years: Three very special ladies qualified and, with great delight, Marilyn presented the framed certificates to the recipients.

Marge Frazier with 64 years

Louise Stengel with 66 years

Cynthia Wallace with 72 years

Biddle Award: Julie DuVuono

Morton Award: Lorraine Wallace

Trusty Trowel Award: Linda presented this award to Marilyn Sprague

President's Commendation: Given today for the first time to Alice Doering, Linda's complete remarks are attached.

President's Report: Linda read her report, which summarized the events of the 2012-2013 year, a year largely dominated by preparations for the GCA Centennial celebration, but which also included a number of other noteworthy accomplishments.

Linda adjourned the meeting at 12:05, following which we enjoyed a fabulous lunch, prepared by our hostesses, outdoors in Lynn's garden.

Respectfully submitted,

Lesley Undercofler, Recording Secretary