

Weeders Meeting  
Zoom  
February 8, 2022

President Karen Shepard convened the meeting at 9:35 via zoom. She discussed the covid situation and need for safety, so the March evening meeting on the 8th will be via zoom as well. She expressed the hope that the April meeting will be able to be held in person.

Thanks were given to the Chair and hostesses, although their services weren't needed.

Two guests were welcomed. Laura Carpenter brought Maureen Fendrick and Annette Toebe brought her friend, Murfee Aceto, to this meeting as well.

The treasurer's report was given, with no changes from the previous month

The January meeting minutes were reviewed and approved

### **March evening meeting**

This meeting will be virtual and the photography show will be postponed until next year. The categories will be the same for next year's show.

### **NAL Conference**

March 1-2nd. Will be virtual and open to all, however registration is required

### **Herb Society of America**

Annual sale will be May 12th from 10am-2pm at historic yellow springs village

### **Morton Award**

Nancy Holmes welcomes any nominations

### **Hort**

Elaise Lisle discussed the kitchen scrap challenge using sweet potatoes, ginger, lettuce, celery and other materials

Tip-encouraged weeders to prune limbs and to allow ice to thaw naturally on branches that have blooms appearing. She also discouraged the use of salt to melt outdoor ice, instead using other anti-dessicants that are widely available.

### **Fertilizer Fund**

Nancy Evans reported that the Weeders gave more money than any other club, and that we ranked 3rd in terms of participation (93%).

### **Conservation Tip**

Nancy Evans reported that there will be a page on our website devoted to products that the committee has started using to replace plastic. She also reminded us that only the plastic products labeled "1" and "2" are recycled and that dark plastic is never recycled

### **Founders Fund**

There was only one finalist this year and the Weeders voted accordingly for the venture "Bee Successful" which relocates colonies of bees in Texas.

### **Crazy for Containers**

Ellyn Spragins was happy to report that the revenue is up 63% this year, due in large part to the efforts of her committee. Proceeds to date are \$15,600.00. Another milestone was that 40% of participants in the sale were non-Weeders. The expected profit will be between 30-40% of the revenue which will be funneled into our civic projects

The meeting was adjourned at 10:05

Nancy Holmes introduced our guest speaker, Diane McCallister, who is a 22 year member of the Weeders. She brought her wealth of experience as a landscape designer in her talk, "Superior shrubs through the seasons"

Her slideshow consisted of pictures of the many garden landscapes she has designed, as well as her own beautiful gardens. Through these, she was able to convey her vast knowledge of selecting shrubs and trees for appropriate settings. She described how various conditions (such as blight, sun/partial sun and deer grazing) affect the selection and maintenance of trees and shrubs. She reviewed the multiplicity of selections possible for evergreens, conifers and deciduous shrubs. She also highlighted some of her personal favorites, noting that color or resistance to predation make them a natural selection. She also encouraged the Weeders to plant native specimens that are indigenous to our region. Because the information presented was so particular, helpful and extensive, she will send a list of the items she reviewed during the presentation.

Chat amongst the weeders after her lively presentation focused on questions regarding specific species as well as the hope that the weeders may sponsor their own intra-club garden tour again this spring.

Respectfully submitted,  
Heather Gallagher, Recording Secretary