

The Weeders Zoom Meeting with Awards Minutes - September 22, 2020

Welcome:

President Patty Greenhalgh opened the meeting by thanking everyone for Zooming together virtually for our 1st meeting of the new year. We had 38 Zoomer's in attendance!

Announcements:

Patty thanked Ellie Penniman and Nancy Holmes for all the work they did to put together the Officer and Committee Handbooks, a.k.a, the Green Book. Retiring officers and committee chairs are asked to pass their books on to the new officers and chairs.

Patty also thanked Nancy Holmes and Cheryl Cheston for revising the "Who We Are" booklet for potential new members.

Everyone should have received the Program Book (formally Blue Book). Please look it over carefully and let Cheryl Cheston know of any errors.

Review of the June 2020 Minutes: A motion was made to accept the minutes; the motion was seconded and all approved.

Treasurer's Report: Michele Bolton provided an overview of the Budget. (See attached report for details).

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Archives: Maria Thompson reported that The Historical Society of Pennsylvania, home of our archive that is part of a larger women's history group, is closed due to the pandemic. Upon reopening, a deposit will be made of the print records. The more recent challenge is what to do about the virtual communiques. The landscape is changing. When she knows what's what, she will have a committee meeting to determine the best way to move ahead.

GCA Bulletin – Marylin Sprague submitted an article to show how we continued to garden at Strafford Station during Covid-19 including pictures of Weeders wearing masks! An article about Hilltop House was also submitted.

Christmas Sale – Heather Gallagher reported that the sale will go on despite Covid -19. More information to follow.

Community Affairs

- Gazebo Gardens – Cheryl Cheston remarked that the gardens look great. Final cleanup will be on Halloween and everyone is encouraged to come, bring friends and kids and have a little fun. More information will follow.
- Hilltop House – Nancy Holmes reported that the new garden project has been very well received by Easttown Township. Next year we would like to add some new/additional plant material so if you are digging and dividing your own gardens, please think of Hilltop House – we will come help you!
- Jeanes Library – Sonya Driscoll & Weezie Johnson have rallied the troops on the north side of the river to help with the maintenance of the Jeanes Library Gardens in LaFayette Hill. The gardens were originally designed by beloved Weeder Bea Best many years ago. The group is just getting started and volunteers are wanted!

- Ronald McDonald House – Patty reported for Ellen Pemberton that there will be a workshop on October 5th to make a few floral arrangements. The public spaces are not open so fewer arrangements will be needed. More info to follow.
- Strafford Station – Alice Doering reports that everything is alive and well at Strafford. We have many new members who have joined the party, the neighbors love us and 6 new trees and 4 shrubs were just planted.

Conservation – Nancy Evans reports that the committee is fired up about their project, “How Can We Reduce our Plastic Usage”. We have learned that:

- 90% of the world’s plastic is not recycled, and by 2050, the ocean will be choking with plastic.
- the recycling logo on plastic is very much a marketing tool, and much of the plastic that we think can be recycled, is not. The questionable marking passes muster because the product *could* be recycled if there was a market for it. Which currently, there is not.
- the oil industry is ramping up to increase plastic production as their business future.

As a team, we are going to explore new products that can replace our plastic usage, as well as how to recycle plastic products that currently are questionable; we will review, and report back to Weeders monthly so that we can all change our habits, and hopefully, proselytize to others.

Flower Show – Jeanne May reminded everyone that our Fall Flower Show will be a virtual one. Check the categories, start taking your photos and send them to Monica Church no later than October 5th. Please label your photos according to class.

Database – Lorraine Wallace reports that the database is a work in progress!

Garden History & Design – Patty reported for Diane McCallister that things are on hold with documenting Lynn Gibbons Garden until the spring.

Governance – Ellie Penniman noted that there are a few revisions being made to the Green Books. The revised committee pages will be sent to all committee chairs and officers. Please make sure to pass your Green Book on to your replacement.

Horticulture – Elaine Lisle noted that the Hort Committee met during the summer to lay out plans for workshops, and other activities. Please see attached report for details – and please note that some of the items are **TIME SENSITIVE! Please read!**

Membership – Marilyn Sprague welcomed new member Gretchen Keirnan, who was not in attendance. And we were happy to see new member, Annette Toebe, on the screen! Due to Covid 19 it has been difficult to socialize with our new members. It is more important than ever for Sponsors to keep our new members informed on how to be involved in club activities.

PCGCA – Lorraine Wallace reported that all activities/meetings for PCGCA will be virtual for the 2020-2021 year. The Joint Meeting will be held November 4th at 10:00 am. Everyone will receive an invitation to attend. The speaker will be Marta McDowell, author of the book “All of the Presidents Gardens”. RSVP is required though the meeting fee is waived. On the registration form, there will be a place to make a donation if you chose to do so. The registration proceeds from this meeting always goes to help fund the community projects that PCGCA supports through its grants.

An appeal for the Fertilizer Fund will be sent by email. We are hoping to get 100% participation by the Weeders! In addition, you will also receive a newsletter via email.

Photography – Melissa Bullitt reminds members of the Photography Show to be held March 9th with March 3rd being the deadline for submitting entries. She encouraged everyone to look at the categories published in the Program Book and start taking pictures over the winter.

She is also going to be doing some 5 or 10 minute short videos on photography topics so be looking for those to be announced.

Print & Publications – Cheryl Cheston reports that P & P is looking for some new committee members. If you have an interest, inquire within!

Programs – Nancy Holmes reports that a decision will be made in December regarding in-person vs virtual meetings for January – June. Stay tuned!

Scholarship – Sonya Driscoll described the \$2500 grant given to Chipping Hill Micro Farm, a mobile greenhouse classroom for underserved neighborhoods. We also awarded \$500.00 to Mt. Vernon Mantua Development Corporation to purchase 3 large compost bins.

We have several good prospects for future scholarship recipients but we are unable to visit with them at this time.

Trips & Tours – Cheryl Cheston reports that we aren't doing any trips or tours at the moment.

Visiting Gardens - Patty reports for Polly Garnet that there have been no trips this year due to Covid-19.

Website – Patty reports for Taddy Dawson that the Website Committee has added some additional members – Jackie Burke, Lorraine Wallace and Nancy Holmes.

AWARDS 2018-2020

The GCA and Weeder Club Awards that are normally announced at the June Annual Meeting were postponed to the September Meeting. Patty Greenhalgh and Melissa Bullitt announced the awards which are as follows:

Weeders Club Awards

Cadwalader Award - (Most entries in arrangement classes in club shows)

Tied for 1st = Diane McCallister (5 pts) AND Melissa Bullitt (5 pts)

2nd = Beth Bartle (4 pts)

Tied for 3rd = Michelle Bolton (3 pts) AND Ellen Spragins (3 pts)

In case of a tie it says that the person with the most accumulated points wins
So the winner is:

1st= Melissa Bullitt (30.5 pts) (Diane had 19.5 pts)

Sweepstakes Award - (greatest # points in non weeder shows (this includes photography))

1st= Taddy Dawson (138.5 pts)

2nd= Alice Doering (76.5 pts)

3rd= Nancy Evans (29 pts)

Horticulture award – Bowl with a Hole (highest points for hort in club shows)

1st= Alice Doering (187 pts)

2nd= Michelle Bolton (118.5 pts)

3rd= Jeanne May (66 pts)

Arrangement award – (highest points for arrangements in club shows)

1st= Melissa Bullitt (30.5 pts)

2nd= Michelle Bolton (23.5 pts)

3rd= Beth Bartle (20 pts)

Photography award – (highest points for photos in weeders shows)

1st= Taddy Dawson (54 pts)

2nd= Nancy Evans (32 pts)

3rd= Nancy Holmes (17 pts)

Founders Cup – (most points for all classes in club shows)

1st= Alice Doering (190.5 pts)

2nd= Michelle Bolton (142 pts)

3rd= Dianne McCallister (73.5 pts)

GCA Club Award - Certificate of Appreciation – Awarded for dedicated and sustained participation in activities within the Weeders Club. This years award goes to **Sally Wood** who for 52 years has shared her horticultural knowledge and artistic design talents with The Weeders.

Esher Lloyd Morton Award – An award that may be given annually to that member of the Weeders who, in the opinion of Club members, has accomplished an outstanding piece of work, during this or any other year, having to do with garden club interests. This years award goes to **Sonya Driscoll** for her dedication in acknowledging and rewarding those who contribute to horticulture and education in Philadelphia, her years of service to the Fertilizer Fund of the PCGCA, her leadership of the Scholarship Committee and her work toward the GCA Hull Award, Sonya is recognized as the spirit of community outreach for the Weeders.

President's Commendation — An award given at the discretion of the President, to a Weeder for service and extraordinary accomplishments. The award is a personal recognition by the President from time to time when warranted. Lorraine Wallace presented the award to **Ellie Penniman** in recognition and gratitude for her leadership in three areas: (1) Creating a Weeder database; (2) Revising The Weeder Bylaws with Maria Thompson & Nancy Holmes and (3) With Nancy Holmes, creating an Officer and Committee Handbook including job descriptions for every position. These three accomplishments streamlined The Weeder organization for the future.

Congratulations to all Award Winners!!!

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy H Holmes
Assistant Recording Secretary

The Weeders

BUDGET VS. ACTUALS: BUDGET 2020-2021 - FY21 P&L

July 2020 - June 2021

	TOTAL			% OF BUDGET
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	OVER BUDGET	
Income				
Badge		20.00	-20.00	
Christmas Sale		1,250.00	-1,250.00	
Christmas Wreath Workshop		400.00	-400.00	
Crazy for Containers		4,000.00	-4,000.00	
Membership Dues	16,460.00	16,600.00	-140.00	99.16 %
Other donations	100.00		100.00	
Vanguard Interest		500.00	-500.00	
Total Income	\$16,560.00	\$22,770.00	\$ -6,210.00	72.73 %
GROSS PROFIT	\$16,560.00	\$22,770.00	\$ -6,210.00	72.73 %
Expenses				
Administrative				
Treasurer		50.00	-50.00	
Total Administrative		425.00	-425.00	
Awards				
		100.00	-100.00	
Civic Programs				
Ronald McDonald House		200.00	-200.00	
Strafford Station		200.00	-200.00	
Restricted Income - Strafford Station		-176.00	176.00	
Total Strafford Station		24.00	-24.00	
Total Civic Programs		224.00	-224.00	
Conferences				
GCA Annual Meeting		2,000.00	-2,000.00	
GCA NAL		900.00	-900.00	
GCA Zone Meeting		1,000.00	-1,000.00	
Shirley Meniece		700.00	-700.00	
Total Conferences		4,600.00	-4,600.00	
Conservation				
Awbury Arboretum		250.00	-250.00	
Delaware Riverkeeper		500.00	-500.00	
FOW		500.00	-500.00	
Jenkins		250.00	-250.00	
Other		250.00	-250.00	
PHS/City Harvest		250.00	-250.00	
SCA		500.00	-500.00	
Stroud Water		250.00	-250.00	
WVWA		250.00	-250.00	
Total Conservation		3,000.00	-3,000.00	
Data Base Start-up		1,000.00	-1,000.00	
Floral Design		250.00	-250.00	
Garden HX and Design		250.00	-250.00	

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BUDGET VS. ACTUALS: BUDGET 2020-2021 - FY21 P&L

July 2020 - June 2021

	TOTAL			
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	OVER BUDGET	% OF BUDGET
GCA Dues		5,084.00	-5,084.00	
Gifts for Judges		100.00	-100.00	
Horticulture		80.00	-80.00	
Legal & Professional Services		500.00	-500.00	
Nominating Committee		100.00	-100.00	
PCGCA Dues		300.00	-300.00	
Photography		150.00	-150.00	
Programs		3,000.00	-3,000.00	
Scholarship		1,000.00	-1,000.00	
Restricted Scholarship Donations		-500.00	500.00	
Total Scholarship		500.00	-500.00	
Web		389.00	-389.00	
Total Expenses	\$0.00	\$20,052.00	\$ -20,052.00	0.00%
NET OPERATING INCOME	\$16,560.00	\$2,718.00	\$13,842.00	609.27 %
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Income	
Badge	20.00
Christmas Sale	1,250.00
Christmas Wreath Workshop	400.00
Crazy for Containers	4,000.00
Membership Dues	16,600.00
Vanguard Interest	500.00
Total Income	\$22,770.00
GROSS PROFIT	\$22,770.00
Expenses	
Administrative	375.00
Treasurer	50.00
Total Administrative	425.00
Awards	100.00
Civic Programs	
Ronald McDonald House	200.00
Strafford Station	200.00
Restricted Income - Strafford Station	-176.00
Total Strafford Station	24.00
Total Civic Programs	224.00
Conferences	
GCA Annual Meeting	2,000.00
GCA NAL	900.00
GCA Zone Meeting	1,000.00
Shirley Meniece	700.00
Total Conferences	4,600.00
Conservation	
Awbury Arboretum	250.00
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FOW	500.00
Jenkins	250.00
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SCA	500.00
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WVWA	250.00
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Floral Design	250.00
Garden HX and Design	250.00
GCA Dues	5,084.00
Gifts for Judges	100.00

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BUDGET OVERVIEW: BUDGET 2020-2021 - FY21 P&L

July 2020 - June 2021

	TOTAL
Horticulture	80.00
Legal & Professional Services	500.00
Nominating Committee	100.00
PCGCA Dues	300.00
Photography	150.00
Programs	3,000.00
Scholarship	1,000.00
Restricted Scholarship Donations	-500.00
Total Scholarship	500.00
Web	389.00
Total Expenses	\$20,052.00
NET OPERATING INCOME	\$2,718.00
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