

Weeders Meeting

Hilltop House

November 30, 2021

President Karen opened the meeting at 10:10, welcoming us to this always festive meeting, and the first since 2019.

Thanks to:

Chairs – Heather Gallagher and Annette Toebe

Advisor – Linda Anderson

Sale – Pam Bagby, Laura Carpenter, Monica Church, Jeanne May, Robin Smith, Laura Riedel and Melissa Schweiter for the amazing job they've done.

Arrangements – Polly Garnett, with extra thanks for her many years of taking on this job

Wreath Workshop – Lynn Gibbons

Hostesses – Sonya Driscoll, Jane Kline and Lesley Undercofler

Welcome to Guests:

Wendy Haabestad, and Deb Geffken, guests of Heather Gallagher; Pam Bennett, guest of Annette Toebe; Sarah Harrity, guest of Elaine Lisle; and Joan Scott, guest of Melissa Oeth.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Treasurer's Report: The current report can be found online attached to today's meeting announcement.

October Minutes: Nancy Holmes moved to approve the minutes, Ellie Penniman seconded, and the minutes were approved.

Crazy for Containers: Chair Ellyn Spragins and her committee of Crazies, all wearing floral headdresses, informed us that in the past two years the sale has raised about \$9,000 for Weeder causes. This year there are a few new additions to the collection, including two single plants in 1-quart containers, as well as gift cards. The Committee will be taking orders today by check or by using the venmo app (which includes a small fee for use), newly available to Weeders. Please note that if not placing orders today, the deadline for purchase is January 14, 2022, a few weeks earlier than in the past.

Fertilizer Fund: Nancy Evans thanked all who have donated so far and reminded those who haven't yet done so that there is still time. Funds raised support projects that no one club would be able to support alone and are given to non-profits within Philadelphia.

Changing to her Conservation hat, she reminded us of the importance of reducing our use of plastics, citing the 600 square mile plastic "island" floating in the Pacific Ocean and reminding us to stop buying laundry detergent in plastic containers as they are not recycled.

Shirley Meneice Conference: Nancy Holmes reported that the Conference was held on Zoom again this year and can still be seen on the GCA website.

Hilltop House: Nancy H. thanked all the participants in the marathon planting extravaganza several weeks ago. They managed to put in two hundred plants in one hour! Special thanks were accorded to Julie DeVuono for her magnificent garden plan. Karen mentioned there is an article about the garden, written by Marilyn Sprague, in the local IN magazine. Additional thanks from Nancy were given to Jeanne May, who oversees Hilltop House gardens throughout the summer during Nancy's absence.

Potluck: Please note the change in venue: the annual January Potluck will be held at Laura Carpenter's home.

Shredding Event: Melissa Oeth announced that Berkshire Hathaway will be holding a shredding event and Weeders are welcome to participate. The date is Saturday, December 4, from 9 to 12 at their offices in Devon. If you need boxes for your "shredibles" she can get you some.

Iris and Peonies: Julie DeVuono says she has iris and peonies available for anyone who wants some. She also gave us an update on her mother's (Sally's) progress. She's still at Beaumont for therapy and loves visitors and phone calls. They're hoping she'll be back at home for the holidays.

Magnolia Tribute Garden: Marilyn S. thanked all those who volunteered their help at the annual clean-up day in October.

Karen adjourned the meeting at 10:40.

Respectfully submitted,

Lesley Undercofler