

Weeders Meeting Minutes, Treasurer's Report, Flower Show Results

April 9, 2013

Jenkins Arboretum

Linda Anderson opened the April meeting at 10:20, welcoming us all.

THANK YOUs to:

- Cindy Pierce for stepping into Lonnie Gray's place as today's Meeting Chair, and Wendy Quereau, Tessa Hooper, Sonya Driscoll and Beth Hayes as Hostesses.
- Alice Doering for making the arrangements for the meeting site and the speaker.
- Flower Show Committee, Judges and all participants in the Flower Show.

Speaker:

Alice introduced the speaker, but first reminded us of the garden tour taking place on Sunday, May 5th. All the GCA Centennial Celebration volunteers are free to attend. Others would pay \$5.00, which will benefit the Garden Conservancy.

Our Speaker, Josh Quinlan, is currently the Hamilton Fellow at Jenkins Arboretum. He is a graduate of Eastern University with a degree in Environmental Science and an avid hiker who developed an interest in mosses while hiking in the Shenandoah Valley. As part of his two year Fellowship here, he has been encouraged to pursue this interest. He decided to create a natural-looking moss garden in the arboretum and discussed the life cycle, morphology, identification and propagation of mosses. He selected eight different genera to grow, including *Leucobryum glaucum* (for drier conditions), *Polytrichum commune* (looks like a tiny pine forest), *Atrichum undulatum*, *Hypnum imponens* (used as filling for pillows) and *H. cupressiforme*, *Plagiomnium* spp. (can grow in disturbed areas), *Fissidens taxifolius* (holds its green color well), *Thyridium* spp. and *Sphagnum* spp.

As sphagnum peat is so commonly used by gardeners, he also mentioned the growing concern over the practice of mining peat. Seventy-five percent of the world's carbon store is in the bogs. After they are drained, and as the peat is harvested, that carbon is released into the air. This raises the question of sustainability and whether we can afford to continue this practice. Unfortunately, there is really no good substitute for peat.

He said moss can be propagated from spores, ordered from nurseries, or, easiest of all, transplanted. Just get a small trowel or putty knife under the moss – very little earth is needed with it – water well and step down on it for good solid contact with the ground. Be sure to keep the area clear of weeds and leaves.

BUSINESS MEETING

March Minutes:

Linda asked for any additions or corrections to the March minutes. There were none, and the minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Laura Mitchell gave the report, which is attached to the Minutes.

Linda mentioned that any contributions made in memory of Anna Roberts should be sent to Laura. She said Anna wanted to be remembered as a Weeder and that our club is committed to philanthropic efforts in the community, such as the Schuylkill River Banks project.

Website:

Linda introduced Lorraine Wallace, who led the Weeders through a possible Weeder website. It looks terrific. Lorraine demonstrated how to use the site, noting that some parts of the site, such as Membership and Minutes, are password protected. She mentioned it's all still a work in progress. To check it out, go to Google, then type in 'theweeders.org'. The password for now is 'roses'. Please send your feedback to Lorraine, who continues to refine the site and work out the kinks so it can become a reality. A big round of applause followed for Lorraine and the impressive amount of work she's done on this project.

Fertilizer Fund:

Sonya Driscoll reminded us there is still time to make a contribution to the Fertilizer Fund and help the Weeders make a good showing. Any contribution is welcome.

New Member:

Ellen Pemberton announced that Nancy Miller is now an official member of the Weeders, although she was unable to attend the meeting today.

Guest:

Cynthia Wallace brought a guest with her whose grandmother was in a GCA club in Philadelphia long ago.

Committee Reports:*Conservation/National Affairs and Legislation:*

Nancy Evans attended the GCA/NAL convention and said she was very encouraged by what she heard this year. For the first time, there was a speaker who discussed the progress, not just disasters, being made on environmental issues, noting several new strategies for cleaning the air. She said another discussion concerned environmental issues as a threat to our economic security. Another topic was about the loss of plant and animal species that has occurred in all of our National Parks. There is a proposal to add a gasoline tax of one penny per gallon to be used specifically for the Parks.

She also contributed a list of resources for recycling to the nascent Weeder website.

Program:

Jackie Burke said the committee is working on the program for next year. She reported that there has been a suggestion to hold Flower Show meetings in the early afternoon, giving more time for setting up. She also asked for volunteers to hostess, and if you can offer your home as a meeting site, it would be appreciated. She circulated a sign-up sheet for that purpose.

Christmas at Strawberry Mansion:

This year we will be moving our decorating talents to Strawberry Mansion and have thanked Lemon Hill for our time there. Strawberry Mansion has been closed for the last four years while undergoing extensive renovations. The Fertilizer Fund has made a contribution to this project for the azalea walk behind the mansion.

GCA:

The Centennial Celebration begins April 30th and Linda thanked everyone volunteering in various capacities. The official event takes place over two days, May 1st and May 2nd, with business meetings and speakers in the morning and garden tours in the afternoon. Our own Amy Freitag will be a Keynote Speaker on May 2nd. Dinners at a number of locations will be held on April 30th. Maria Thompson distributed the Boutique shopping tickets.

People:

- Lois Renthal is undergoing hip replacement surgery, even as we speak.

- Ellie Penniman had a knee replaced 10 days ago and is on the mend.
- Sonya Driscoll and Diana Mason each continue to recover from a broken wrist.
- Sally Wood is here today.

May Meeting:

Jackie Burke announced that the May meeting will be held at Mt. Cuba Center and hoped everyone would try to attend. We should bring a brown bag lunch and a tour will follow. The date is May 14th.

Linda adjourned the meeting at 11:45.

Light lunch on the deck of the Arboretum was enjoyed by all.

Respectfully submitted,

Lesley Undercofler, Recording Secretary

The Weeders Treasurer's Report

April 9, 2013

Cash balance on hand April 9, 2013	\$ 8,678.63
Income since 12/11/12:	
dues collected	260.00
Christmas Sale	1,151.00
Community Affairs/Strafford Station	520.00
Memoriums (Anna Roberts, Cyrena Gouge)	275.00
Program reimbursement (Cres Motzi arrangements)	350.00
Misc. Contribution	<u>70.60</u>
Total Income:	\$ 2,626.60
Expenses:	
Program - Halls	\$ 550.00
Program - Speaker fees (\$350 reimbursed from Cres Motzi arrangements)	900.00
Photography show expenses	45.63
PHS Flower Show niche reimbursement	20.00
Treasurer (stamps)	46.00
Secretary (mailings/supplies)	<u>121.14</u>
Total expenses:	\$ 1,682.77
Vanguard GNMA Fund account as of 3/31/13	\$ 38,409.85
Total Assets as of April 9, 2013	\$ 47,088.48

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Mitchell, Treasurer

Weeders Spring Flower Show Results 2013

See Photo Gallery for some of the winners

Horticulture:

Class 1.a Cut flowering branches (class split) **Awarded Judges Commendation.**

Corylopsis

1. Polly Garnett
2. Maria Thompson
3. Lorraine Wallace

Other

1. Nancy Evans
 2. Wendy Bailey
 3. Alice Doering
- HM Sally Wood

Class 1b. Evergreen branches

1. Cheryl Cheston
 2. NO
 3. Polly Garnett
- HM. Dixie Chapman

Class 2 Flowering Herbaceous Perennials. Class Split

Heleborus (light colored)

1. Lorraine Wallace
 2. Maria Thompson
 3. Sonya Driscoll
- HM. Patty Minehart, Lorraine Wallace

Heleborus (Dark Colored)

1. Maria Thompson
 2. Maria Thompson
 3. Lorraine Wallace
- HM. Sally Wood , Jackie Burke, Polly Garnett, Dixie Chapman.

Class 3. Narcissus

Div. 1

1. Maria Thompson
2. Patty Minehart
3. Sonya Driscoll

Div. 2 Class Split

Ice Follies:

NO 1st.

2. Wendy Quereau
3. Melissa Bullitt

HM Jackie Burke, Patty Minehart, Cheryl Cheston, Alice Doering, Polly Garnett, Lorraine Wallace, Maria

Thompson.

Other:

1. Lorraine Wallace
 2. Sonya Driscoll
 3. Wendy Bailey
- HM Beth Bartle, Patty Minehart

Div. 3

1. Maria Thompson
2. Wendy Bailey
3. Patty Minehart

Div. 4

1. no 1st
 2. Lorraine Wallace
- HM. Patty Minehart

Div. 5 No entries

Div. 6

1. Maria Thompson
2. Sally Wood.

Div. 7,8,9,10 No entries

Div. 11

1. Diane McCallister
2. Alice Doering
3. Wendy Bailey

Div. 12

2. Alice Doering

Class 4 No entries

Class 5. Any other hardy Corm, Rhizome, Tuber.

1. Patty Minehart
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 3. Diane McCallister
- HM. Lorraine Wallace

Challenge Class

1. Wendy Bailey

Class 7a. House Plant Not to exceed 8"

1. Maria Thompson.
 2. Sally Wood
 3. Alice Doering
- HM. Sonya Driscoll, Dixie Chapman, Maria Thompson

7b. No Entries

Class 8. Propagation Class

1. Alice Doering
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Class 9a. A collection of at least 5 specimens from your garden foliage only.

1. Alice Doering
2. Jackie Burke

9b. Collection of at least 5 cut specimens from the garden. Must include a flowering bulb.

1. Ellen Pemberton **BEST in SHOW**

Arrangement Classes:

Class 10. Blizzard. A buffet arrangement to be viewed from 3 sides.

1. Melissa Bullitt
 2. Beth Bartle
 3. Patty Minehart
- HM. Jackie Burke

Class 11. Tempest An Arrangement in a teapot or tea cup evoking a storm.

1. Melissa Bullitt. **Best in show.**
2. Jackie Burke

Class 12. Clear Skies. An Arrangement reflecting the promise of spring.

1. Sonya Driscoll
 2. Melissa Bullitt
 3. Jackie Burke
- HM. Beth Bartle, Ellen Pemberton.