



Weeders Meeting May 14, 2013 Mt. Cuba Center

President Linda Anderson opened the meeting at 10:40.

THANK YOUs:

Linda expressed her personal thanks to all the Weeders who worked so tirelessly for the past year and more organizing and preparing for the GCA Centennial: Alice Doering, Marilyn Sprague, Sandy Cadwalader, Lloyd Brown, Lois Renthal, Cheryl Cheston, Karen Doyle and Maria Thompson, all Co-Chairs of various committees, and the rest of us who helped to fill those committees.

She read a note of thanks from Leslie Purple, Co-Chair of the Centennial, who sent her own note of thanks to Linda for all the Weeder participation, which helped to make the celebration such a great success.

Linda thanked Jackie Burke and Isabel Wister for the coffee and morning treats before our meeting today. Also, thanks to Melissa Bullitt and her father who made the pedestals for the GCA Flower Show at the Centennial in early May.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Ellen Pemberton and Maria Thompson each brought a guest to the meeting and they were welcomed.

At the September 2013 meeting, Weeder Amy Freitag will be giving us the acclaimed speech she delivered to the Centennial attendees.

We did not win any money for our Tree Trades proposal, a plan to partially off-set the carbon footprint created by the Centennial Meeting. The awards went to The Garden Club of Allegheny County, The Gardeners, and The Garden Club of Wilmington.

Currently, our list of Weeders-on-the-mend includes Peggy Stevenson, Sarah Price, Taddy Dawson, Lois Renthal and Ellie Penniman.

The April minutes were approved.

Jackie Burke circulated a sign-up sheet, asking for volunteers to act as Hostess at a meeting next year.

PROGRAM:

Jackie introduced Gregg Tepper, who spoke to us about The Sensory Appeal of Native Plants. He studied Horticulture at the University of Delaware and is the former Director of Horticulture at Mt. Cuba Center. He is a native plant enthusiast and has lectured extensively in the US as well as at Kew Gardens and Wisley, in England. He is also a designer of native plant gardens.

After a brief description of the history and development of Mt. Cuba, he talked about how we use each of our five senses while enjoying a garden. Discussing how plants can be more fully appreciated when we use our senses of sight, touch, smell, taste and even sound, he gave us a fascinating and amusing lecture combining photographs, little-known and even odd facts, and true stories about native wildflowers, shrubs and trees.

He also gave us a tip for discouraging deer. Mt. Cuba uses a product called Deer Stopper, made by Messina Wildlife.

Linda adjourned the meeting at 12:00, and a tour of the woodlands followed after The Weeders brown bag lunches.

Respectfully submitted,

Lesley Undercofler, Recording Secretary