

**Garden Club of Wilmington
Membership Meeting
April 1, 2019**

Location: Winterthur Museum, Brown Horticulture Learning Center
Program: Panache with Perennials and book signing
Speaker: Ruth Clausen
Hostesses: Horticulture Committee

Marion du Pont, President called the membership meeting to order at 11:00 am.

Program:

- Ruth Clausen presented an inspiring and informative slide show and lecture about the bulbs and tubers we can use to enhance our gardens throughout the seasons. Ruth encouraged us to plant multitudes of the bulbs and/or tubers together in the same location and group the similar colors.

Horticulture Committee:

- Sally DeWees reminded the membership that the spring plant sale is in a couple of weeks and she will need to place the order as soon as possible. You can place your order via email sallydeweese@comcast.net or by phone (302) 584-1699.
- The Garden Club plant sale will be held next month at our May meeting.

Conservation:

- Jennifer Denham encouraged us to take the “healthy yard pledge” on the GCA website.
- May will be the last month to bring in the corks. Jennifer now has over 7,000 corks in her basement and is hoping to reach the goal of 10,000!
- Jennifer shared some of the locations for disposal of old prescriptions and reminded us to please not throw them away or down the toilet.

Delaware: select Walgreens for prescriptions

1. 2119 Concord Pike, Wilmington
2. 1710 Faulkland Road, Wilmington
3. 6317 Limestone Road, Hockessin

Pennsylvania: prescription and over-the-counter medications, tablets, capsules, prescription patches, medical creams and ointments, vitamins, nasal sprays and pet meds can be disposed of at the following location:

1. Kennett Square Police Department, 115 North Broad Street
- Jennifer told us about the DSWA Hazardous Waste disposal on April 13th at Mt Pleasant Elementary School on 500 Duncan Rd., Wilmington, DE19809 from 8:00 – 2:00. They will be accepting Household Hazardous Waste/Electronic Goods/Paper Shredding

GCA Founders Fund:

- The GCA Founders Fund votes counted at the meeting and the absentee votes by email were both in favor of Project 1- Restoring a Calcerous Muck Fen - proposed by Winchester-Clarke Garden Club; seconded by Fauquier and Loudoun Garden Club - Zone VII

- Peggy Barton has submitted tour choice to GCA

Centennial Project:

- Nine of the twelve Japanese Cherry trees have been planted. The trees are Higan Cherries, Prunus Subhirtella pendula to replace the same variety originally planted in 1918!

Philadelphia Flower Show:

- Lynne Schwartz reported on the awards proudly won by our members at the Philadelphia Flower Show.
- Barbara Cairns, Lynn Carbonell, Kathy Kristol, Betsy McCoy, Wendy Russell and Diana Wister awarded our club 1,118 points. They received a total of 116 ribbons ranging from Honorable Mention to 1st place. Peggy Weymouth had one of her beautiful botanical illustrations chosen for exhibition at the show.
- Wendy Russell and Diana Wister received a total of four special awards. Wendy received the PHS Award for the outstanding Blue Ribbon Winner in the Open Platform. And Diana won the PHS Ribbon, Best of Day in Horticulture, the American Begonia Society Ribbon, and the GCA Certificate of Excellence in Horticulture.
- Photography was a brand new class at the Philadelphia show this year headed by Sally DeWees!

Marion du Pont adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,
Patsy Walls
Recording Secretary