**Garden Club of Wilmington**

**Membership Meeting**

**December 2, 2019**

**Location**: Vicmead Hunt Club

**Program**: Making Holiday Decorations, Plant Sale, Holiday Bedside Table Arrangements

**Presenter**: Marty du Pont, Carroll Eaton, Mara Grant, Wendy Russell

**Hostesses**: Floral Design Committee

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

**Membership Thank You:**

* Marion thanked Lynn Carbonell for the succulent workshop on the Nov 18th at Deb Donaldson’s house discussing caring for and cultivating succulents.
* Marion thanked Laura DuPont and Elizabeth Mellon of the Ways and Means Committee for arranging the special fundraiser evening at Longwood to view their Ikebana exhibit.

**Conservation:**

Ann Rose updated the membership on her Macro and Micro conservation goals.

* Macro Conservation: Continuing the theme of collecting the plastics for Trex Plastic Bag challenge. Ann clarified the only plastic to be collected are plastics which can be **stretched**: *“grocery bags, bread bags, case overwrap, dry cleaning bags, newspaper sleeves, ice bags, wood pellet bags,ziplock & other re-sealable bags, produce bags, bubble wrap, salt bags, and cereal bags All materials must be clean, dry and free of food residue”*

Ann reported we have currently collected 77.4 lbs but need 500 lbs by May to qualify for the bench!

* Micro Conservation: Appalachian Wildlife is collecting “Wands for Wildlife”

Old mascara wands are being used to remove fly eggs and larva from the fur and feathers of wild animals. They work great because the bristles are close together. Please wash the mascara wands in warm soapy water before collected.

Ann announced Cecelia Ross and Kate Hackett will be representing our club at the NAL meeting in Washington, DC

Conservation Tip:

* Informational Tip: Judith Spruance introduced us to the book “Inconspicuous Consumption: The Environmental Impact You Don't Know You Have” by Tatiana Schlossberg illuminating the reader on how our daily habits impact the environment.
* Beautifying tip: Betsy McCoy presented the book “The Grand Canyon” by [Thomas Blagden Jr.](https://www.amazon.com/s/ref%3Ddp_byline_sr_book_1?ie=UTF8&field-author=Thomas+Blagden+Jr.&text=Thomas+Blagden+Jr.&sort=relevancerank&search-alias=books) who ironically is Evie Scott’s son-in-law. Betsy shared her amazing adventure through the Grand Canyon on the Colorado River led by Thomas Blagden and encouraged us all to go.

**Pills and Prescriptions:**

Barbara Cooch reminded the membership she is still collecting any prescription pills to be disposed.

**Program:**

Meg Waldron asked the committee chairman please let her know if there a particular program the committee would like to request. There will be a program meeting after the January 6th membership meeting.

**Photography**:

Mary Patterson reminded the membership of the Feb 14th deadline for submitting their photographs for the March meeting at Winterthur. The photographs will be judged prior to the meeting.

As the program will focus on mushrooms, Mary encouraged the membership to take additional pictures of mushrooms for “display only”. These particular photographs are not bound by the typical photo rules and can be any size on any matte.

**Membership:**

Mary asked that all new member proposals be submitted to her by Feb 14th, 2020.

**Community Projects:**

It was announced the Community Project team put together for their Christmas present a list of sustainable presents for Christmas. Katharine Maroney was primarily responsible for the list and will request for it to be displayed on our website.

**Announcements:**

* It was with sadness that we were informed of Diana Wister’s husband Bill’s passing. If you wish to send a note to Diana, please address them to her Bryn Mawr, PA address.
* Dolly Fisher shared the publishing of the new Winterthur book with wonderful pictures of all four seasons.

**Program**:

Our very own talanted members; Marty du Pont, Carroll Eaton, Mara Grant, and Wendy Russell presented creative and informative ideas for christmas arrangements.

Marion du Pont adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patsy Walls

Recording Secretary