

**Garden Club of Wilmington
Membership Meeting
March 9, 2020**

Location: Winterthur
Program: Culinary and Medicinal Mushrooms
Presenter: Tina Ellor, Technical Director, Phillips Mushrooms
Hostesses: Conservation and Horticulture Committee

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

Thank you:

Marion thanked Chris Strand for sharing such a special place with the Garden Club of Wilmington and for his kindness and help to accommodate us at Winterthur.

Philadelphia Flower Show:

Connie ingeniously thanked all those helping our club to create and execute our blue ribbon entry in the PHS Flower Show. It was a full team effort, which included husbands too!

Marion announced that we had plants for sale from the “award winning” GCW exhibit. The sale earned the Club \$463.00 today which will go toward offsetting the cost of the PHS exhibit.

GCA Founders Fund:

Barbara Cooch read for Peggy Barton the three 2020 projects requesting GCA Founder Funds. She asked that each member vote on line for the project they deemed most worthy.

The GCA will award \$10,000, \$5,000, and \$2,000 respectively.

Project #1

Permaculture Sanctuary: Promoting Trauma Resilience through Regenerative Gardening

Proposed by: Twin City Garden Club, Zone VII

Seconded by: The French Broad River Garden Club Foundation, Zone VII

Project #2

Growing It Green in Paterson, NJ - Public School Rain Garden Project

Proposed by: Garden Club of Madison, Zone IV

Seconded by: Garden Club of Morristown, Zone IV

Project #3

CheerMobile: What Cheer Flower Farm on the Rhode

Proposed by: Perennial Planters Garden Club, Zone II

Seconded by: Newport Garden Club, Zone II

New Members:

Barbara Cooch reintroduced the new '19-'20 GCW members; Mitzi Rohrbacher and Leslie Porter. Mitzi discussed their adventures on a day trip to Lancaster, while Leslie shared time spent together at the PHS Flower show followed by lunch at the Acorn Club.

Treasure Report:

Eleanor thanked those members who have donated personally to various GCW causes during the year.

Program:

Betsy McCoy introduced Tina Ellor from Phillips Mushroom Farm in Kennett Square. Tina enlightened us about the nutritional and medical advantages of eating mushrooms and introduced us to many different varieties. Tina graciously shared examples of delicious tasting mushrooms for the membership to take home and try.

Marion du Pont adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,
Patsy Walls
Recording Secretary