

GARDEN CLUB OF WILMINGTON
MEMBERSHIP MEETING
DECEMBER 5, 2022

Location: Vicmead Hunt Club
Program: “Easy and Elegant Holiday Arrangements—Amaryllis”
Plant Sale
Presenter: Wendy Russell, Floral Designer & Floral Judge, and
GCW Member
Hostesses: Floral Design Committee

Sally DeWees called the meeting to order at 11:00 am.

Attendance and lunch confirmation lists were circulated during the meeting. Those attending the meeting are as follows: D. Abbott; P. Barton; L. Barton; P. Biddle; Anna Biggs; Ann Biggs; A. Bray; G. Butters; B. Cairns; L. Carbonell; L. Cattermole; B. Cooch; J. Cushman; M. Davis; S. DeWees; L. Dobbs; N. Draper; B. Draper; J. Dugan; E. duPont; L. duPont; M. duPont; C. Eaton; L. Eirhart; C. Farris; E. Fiechter; T. Fiechter; D. Fisher; N. Frederick; G. Flinn; L. Giacco; M. Grant; E. Gregory; M. Griffenberg; C. Hewitt; M. Laird; L. Laird; E. Maroney; K. Maroney; B. McCoy; S. Parker; M. Patterson; E. Phillips; L. Porter; F. Pyle; K. Kristol; F. Pyle; N. Reese; C. Rice; W. Richards; E. Roe; A. Rose; L. Roselle; B. Rowland; W. Russell; H. Scott; Elaine Scott; Evie Scott; M. Silliman; A. Silliman; Z. Simonds; J. Spruance; P. Stabler; L. Swartz; C. Taylor; S. Townsend; M. Waldron; A. Wick; C. Wissing; and V. Sutton.

President’s Report:

- Sally thanked all members who helped with the GCA Executive Board Retreat that our club hosted Nov 13 – 15. The retreat was a success for GCA and provided an important opportunity to meet and exchange ideas with our GCW membership. The highlight was a cocktail party hosted by Elizabeth Mellon that was attended by more than 75 people from throughout Zone V. Mt. Cuba, Winterthur and DCH were thanked for their supportive involvement.
- A Finance Committee has been appointed that consists of 4 current Executive Board and 3 long-time members.
- Sally reported on the Zone V Presidents Zoom Meeting .

- Sally attended and reported on the November DCH board meeting. She reminded GCW members of the DCH donation to sponsor guest speaker Ed Snodgrass.
- Don't forget to buy the new annual meeting scarf on the GCA website. *President's Report is attached.*

Treasurer's Report:

- Treasurer Libbie Fiechter presented a power point budget overview. It provided a clear explanation of the GCW budget within our fiscal year (June 1st – May 31st).
- Budget categories were highlighted as well as the need to use reimbursement forms for any member out-of-pocket expenses.

Plant Sales:

- Chairmen Leslie Porter announced that the lunch centerpieces were decorated boxwood trees were for sale at \$35 each. Floral Design Chairman Ann Ashley helped with the decorations.

Flower Show:

- Wendy Russell announced that PHS Philadelphia Flower Show will return to the Philadelphia Convention Center March 4 – 12, 2023. There is a need for volunteers. Please see their website for more information about volunteer opportunities.

National Affairs & Legislation/Conservation:

- Pam Biddle asked that anyone interested in conservation or environmental issues to please contact Kate Hackett.
- Pam reminded everyone to view the Mt. Cuba website to learn about botanical classes being offered.

Photography:

- Chairman Lucinda Laird gave the summary of the award recipients from the November Show. (*Results were listed in the November minutes.*) The award-winning photos were displayed at the Greenville Country Club during the GCA Retreat.
- The April Show may be moved to March. Please check the GCW calendar.

Holiday Workshop:

- Carroll Eaton announced that there were a few spaces left for the Holiday Greens Arrangement; it is limited to 15 people.
- The workshop will be held on Dec 12th at 1:00 pm at DCH. Please mail the \$25 fee to the GCW Treasurer.
- The presenter will be Leslie Bottaro, Horticulturist at Greenville Country Club.

Instagram Account:

- Wendy asked for information and the password to a “mystery” Instagram account that includes photos and information about GCW.

Program:

- GCW’s talented floral judge and award-winning floral designer Wendy Russell presented a program on growing, showing and using amaryllis bulbs and flowers in holiday arrangements. She created a number of festive holiday designs, much to the delight of her audience.

Sally DeWees adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Connie Wissing
Recording Secretary