

GARDEN CLUB OF WILMINGTON MEETING MINUTES
October 3, 2022 @ 11:00AM

President Sally DeWees called the meeting to order at 11:05 am at the Vicmead Hunt Club.

Those attending are as follows: *(See attached.)*

The Garden History and Design Committee were hostesses for the meeting.

Lucinda Laird introduced the guest speaker and noted historian Barksdale Maynard. *(Lucinda's introductory remarks are attached.)* Mr. Maynard's topic "William Law Olmstead and the Wilmington Parks" commemorated the 200th anniversary of Olmstead's birth. GCW asked that Mr. Maynard to research Olmstead's involvement in the creation and design of Wilmington's Brandywine Park. The thoroughly engaging presentation included early 1880's photos and design plans by Olmstead. The ambitious plans were designed to connect three smaller parks to create one large park system following the Brandywine River.

The Business Meeting followed the presentation.

Betsy McCoy made a motion to approve the September minutes and the motion was seconded by Carroll Eaton. The minutes were approved by the membership.

Libbie Fiechter presented the 2022-23 Budget. Mary Patterson made a motion to accept the budget. The motion was seconded by Lucinda Laird. The budget was approved by the membership.

Mary Patterson announced the workshop "Planting Spring Bulbs in Containers" on October 17th, 10-11:30 at Betsy McCoy's home. Participants should mail the \$25 workshop fee to Treasurer Libbie Fiechter.

Lucinda Laird announced that the Photography Show will be held at the November meeting. Classes and guidelines are on the GCW website. Entries should be taken to Lucinda on October 10th. The show will also be displayed during the GCA Board Retreat.

Nancy Reese announced the Visiting Gardens trip to the Delaware Botanic Garden on October 13. See the web site for more information.

Barbara Cairns thanked all exhibitors in the September Floral & Hort Show. She also expressed appreciation to our hosts Pam Biddle and Joel Fishman for opening their lovely home for all the exhibits. Barbara's report is attached.

Sally read a message from Meg Waldron who was unable to attend. Meg asked all members to RSVP online for all meetings, etc. Committees have landing pages to post their information. Please send any last minute changes in scheduling or attendance to Meg.

Membership Chairs Laura duPont and Eleanor Gregory asked for proposed new members. Information for proposers is on the GCW website.

Leslie Porter announced that Plant Sales will be offering a selection of colorful spring blooming bulbs at the November 7th meeting. Lonnie Dobbs is donating a special double yellow hibiscus for the sale. Call Leslie for price and more information.

Barbara Cooch announced the New Members coffee/meeting at her home on Friday October 7th at 10:00am. She invited the new members and Sally DeWees to sit at her table for lunch.

Pam Biddle reported "Lost & Found" has a sweater left at her home after the September Cocktail Party.

Sally reported that GCW will be hosting the 13 GCA Executive Board members November 13-15. It will be a wonderful opportunity to meet them and to showcase our club's community projects. All GCW members are being invited to a cocktail party on Monday November 14th to meet the board and other special guests. Invitations will be sent soon to our members (sorry....no spouses!). Elizabeth Mellon is graciously hosting the event.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:05.