

CONSERVATION COMMITTEE REPORT

The conservation committee met in person in October. We discussed the GCA's designation of April as Native Plant month and how we could secure a proclamation from Governor Carney. Thanks to Nina Draper and Kate Hackett we received the proclamation in late March.

We had also hoped to hold a native plant sale at our April meeting with the proceeds going toward purchasing plants for our two community gardens. This plan met with some hurdles and we were not able to follow through. Hopefully in the future, with more lead time we will be able to make this happen.

Carol Taylor and Lynn Carbonell represented GCW at NAL this year and gave a wonderful follow up report at our May meeting. Many thanks to the two of them!

We held our third annual Weed Wrangle on May 6th. It was a combined event with the Wilmington Parks volunteers and we weeded around Habitat Hill. As always, the Parks Department was thrilled to have our help. Many thanks to Anna Biggs for being the point person that day and to all who came out and weeded.

The Conservation Committee promoted "no mow May" and we are thrilled that some of our members participated in this initiative. It's not easy to let your lawn run free for a month, so many thanks for those of you who did. The bees and other pollinators thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

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