

**Garden Club of Wilmington
Membership Meeting
Monday, December 7th, 2020**

Location: Zoom

Program: Presentation by James Brayton Hall, The Garden Conservancy & Business Meeting

Lucinda Laird, President called the meeting to order at 11:00 am.

Awards Committee – Ashlin Bray

Please let Ashlin know of any member(s) that are deserving of individual awards at our Annual Meeting in June. Details on the awards can be found on GCA as well as GCW websites or feel free to give Ashlin a call. We want to be inclusive!

Wendy Russell has been awarded the GCA Barbara Spaulding Cramer Floral Design Leadership Award. Team effort from GCW and beyond for the nominating work. Congratulatinos Wendy!

October 2020 Minutes – located on GCW website

- Meg Waldron made motion to approve, seconded by Kate Hackett and approved by membership.

SPEAKER: Jim Sutton, Display Designer at Longwood Gardens – introduced by Betsy McCoy

Photography Committee - Patsy Walls:

- GCW did a photographic show for America the Beautiful: you can submit as well as be a judge. Go to the GCA website/Committee Pages/Photography Committee
- Zone 5 will be able to submit pictures for the Feb e-news publication. January 10th is the submission deadline – two submissions/person and must be “of winter”
- GCW Show “Out and About” – Held in April, six submissions/class (anything submitted later will be exhibition only), deadline is March 8th, categories are as follows:
 - Architecture
 - City Scape
 - Contrast
 - Entrance Way
- Electronic submission sheet

GCA Covid Photo Project – asking members to submit photos that will be curated by subcommittee and put into hardbound book for purchase. “Jot” form (in members only section of GCA website) to be filled out with submission on GCW website. Two photos/member and

please include short caption for each submission. Go to GCA website for categories in trying to capture life during the pandemic.

Rodney Square Update: The Rodney Square Conservancy has completed Stage 1, which includes replacement of utility building and will allow for stage to go at one end. New splash fountain is installed but is winterized and will not be operational until Covid is under control, so no congregating. Lighting and beds have been updated as well. Statue of Caesar Rodney is still in storage but it will be back. Stage 2 is on hold as they are awaiting grants, etc as foundation prioritize Covid-related projects. They will wait until next year.

Community Projects: Bedside arrangements will be delivered to Kentmere today after 2:00pm.

Membership Proposals : forms and background info is on the GCW members website. Deadline is February 14th.

Thank yous:

- Wreath-making party – thank you to Marion and Woodley
- Sally for being Zoom guru
- Ways and Means/Exec Committee for making and delivering narcissus “gifts”
- Elaine Scott for the lovely masks in the gift bags
- Elizabeth Mellon for being head elf on the production and display of bulbs

Other Business

- Wendy GCA classes on judging is 2/2-2/5 2021. Zone 5 still needs more judges!
- Check out Zone 5 landing page of GCA website. GCW flower show results are there.
- Some fabulous videos on GCW website. Ian Shive video on some of our federal lands is highly recommended. Shirley Meneice videos are great too. Check them out!
- Baylor Prison: Just recently started seeing many Covid cases. Positive cases have to go to a medical unit and cannot take personal care items. Asking for donations of personal sized care items, including snacks. Need to be in plastic bags. Please deliver to Lucinda’s house by Friday 12/11.
- Beverly Rowland – Brought back Kiwi bush branches for flower arrangements from Virginia. If you want, please come take for your arranging.
- Betsy McCoy – Princettias at Longwood (soft colored Poinsettias) are really gorgeous. They have them at Gateway. And Chadds Ford Greenhouses has some great bright white ones as well as other nice Christmas flowers.

Lucinda Laird adjourned the meeting at 12:33pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Katharine Maroney
Recording Secretary