

**Garden Club of Wilmington  
Membership Meeting  
Monday, December 6th, 2021**

**MINUTES**

**Location:** Vicmead Hunt Club

**Program:** Business Meeting and Presentation by Taylor Patterson on Holiday Floral Design

Lucinda Laird, President called the meeting to order at 11:04 am.

- Approval of Minutes: *Motion made to approve November 2021 Minutes made by Evie Scott seconded by Howie Scott and unanimously approved.*
- Memorial for Janet Ramsdell - *Written by Peg Stabler and read by Lucinda Laird to Membership.*
- Speaker: Taylor Patterson of Fox Fodder Farm: *Holiday Floral Designs*
- Vote for Merging GCW and GCW Community Projects Incorporated - *GCW was originally incorporated as a 501 (c)(4) and donations were NOT tax deductible. Garden Club of Wilmington Community Projects was formed as a 501 (c)(3) so that donations to the organization were tax deductible. About ten years ago, the process was started to merge the two entities as a 501 (c)(3) so that tax deductible donations could be given. Request was sent to the IRS about five years ago. The IRS has finally responded that they are not going to take action on our request to merge. We have been advised by counsel to file the paperwork to merge the two entities into one 501c3. Pending approval by membership, we will be known as the Garden Club of Wilmington Community Projects Incorporated. When the merger takes effect on January 1, 2022, we can change the name to the Garden Club of Wilmington. Ashlin Bray made a motion to approve the merger, Marion du Pont seconded. The members voted unanimously to approve the merger.*
- Conservation Tips - Pam Biddle
  - *Please do not clean clean and bag the leaves in your garden and take them to the Garden*
  - *Use LED bulbs as they use 75% less*
  - *Recycling wrapping paper - shred and add to compost or use reusable bags*
  - *Recycle evergreens, especially trees as many municipalities offer recycling/shredding options*
- Visiting gardens - Mary Davis

- *Looking at Newport for June 2022. Lots of interest!*
- *Santa Barbra for Spring of 2023. GC of SB would like to reciprocate GCW's generosity for when GCSB came to Wilmington.*
- Other Business
  - *Judging Workshop - Wendy Russell*
    - *Via Zoom at end of January and a great opportunity to try it out if you have any interested*
    - *Lots of GCA shows within driving distance coming in Spring 2022. Participate and attend!*
  - Reminders:
    - *Camelia Workshop 12/15/2021 by Kathy Kristol. Please register online.*
    - *We are starting to create a digital archive. If anyone is interested in helping, please contact Lucinda.*
    - *Several Open Positions next year, so please think about what you might be able to fill! A survey will also be sent around.*
    - *The Delaware Contemporary has an "Art in Bloom" exhibit December 5-7, 2021. Please visit, its fantastic!*

Lucinda Meeting adjourned meeting at 11:57pm