

**Garden Club of Wilmington
Membership Meeting
Monday, June 7th, 2021**

MINUTES

Program: Annual Meeting
Location: Greenville Country Club (!)

Lucinda Laird, President called the meeting to order. First in-person meeting in 16 months!

Lucinda presented her Annual report:

Welcome to the Garden Club of Wilmington's 2020-2021 Annual Meeting. It is so nice to see everyone in person and not on Zoom. Welcome, especially to our Advisory Committee members, Dr. John Frett, Jeanne Frett, Chris Strand, and Dr. Richard Lighty and his wife, Sally. We're so glad that you could join us today.

Who would have thought, in February 2020, that we would not be meeting again for 16 months. Let's keep our fingers crossed that, for this meeting, at least, we can avoid any technical difficulties.

This has been a challenging year for many. Since the last time we met, we have lost two cherished members, Gina Bissell and Cherry Gillespie. Several of our members have lost spouses and other family members. We recognize all of you and extend our deepest sympathies.

Despite our challenges, we have had many successes this year. Several members opened their gardens for two pop-up garden tours, one last summer and one this spring. The Plant Sale Committee held a fantastic sale in May, with many offerings dug from members' own gardens. The Executive and Ways and Means Committees joined together in November to deliver holiday cheer in the form of paperwhites and face masks, and the Conservation Committee held its first ever Weed Wrangle on Earth Day. However, our biggest accomplishment was being able to share fantastic programs every month, due to the forward thinking of Meg Waldron, who was Program Chair when the pandemic began. She immediately contacted our speakers for this year and asked them to develop a virtual option for presenting their programs. That, and Zoom, allowed our members near and far to attend meetings from September through May.

I don't want to steal any more thunder from the annual reports, but one thing I must mention is an award earned by Wendy Russell. Her amazing entry in the GCA Annual Meeting Flower Show, which you can see [here](#), won not only first place in the class Green Flash and Best in Show, it was awarded the for Creativity. Congratulations to Wendy, who unfortunately isn't here today.

Election of Officers for 2021-2022:

Ashlin Bray, the chair of the Nominating Committee, could not be here but she given me the Nominating Committee's slate. It is as follows:

President: Lucinda Laird
First Vice President: Sally DeWees

Second Vice President: Meg Waldron
Treasurer: Grier Flinn
Assistant Treasurer: Libby Fiechter
Corresponding Secretary: Wendy Russell
Recording Secretary: Katharine Maroney

Motion to Accept Slate made and unanimous approval. Slate approved.

New Members for 2020-2021 as well as 2021-2022:

2020-2021

- Denise Hix
- Nancy Reese
- Elaine Scott

2021-2022

- Linda Eirhart
- Cynthia Rice

Committee Annual Reports were submitted and included under separate cover:

- Founders Fund: Peggy Barton
- Conservation: Pam Biddle
- Comm. Projects: Anna Biggs
- Flower Show: Joanne Cushman
- Horticulture: Marion du Pont
- Program: Betsy McCoy
- Bulletin:
- Floral Design: Ann Ashley
- Garden History: Lynne Swartz
- Judging
- Membership: Howie Scott
- Photography: Patsy Walls
- Plant Sale: Leslie Porter
- Visiting Gardens: Francie Pyle
- Ways and Means: Elizabeth Mellon and Laura duPont

Zone Awards

- Chris Strand Club Horticulture Commendation
- Sally DeWees Club Appreciation Award

Individual Efforts Awards

- Lynn Carbonell
- Joanne Cushman
- Mara Grant
- Betsy Scott
- Molly Sharp
- Dr. Richard Lighty

Founders Award

Pinkie Roe

Lucinda Laird adjourned the formal session of meeting and everyone enjoyed a lovely boxed lunch.

Respectfully Submitted,
Katharine Maroney

Recording Secretary