

**Garden Club of Wilmington
Membership Meeting
November 4, 2019**

Location: Vicmead Hunt Club
Program: Photography in Bloom - An Educational Collaboration
Presenter: Jane Godshalk and Kate Fahey
Hostesses: Floral Design and Photography Committee

Marion du Pont, President called the meeting to order at 11:00 am.

Conservation:

The conservation committee will continue to collect plastic film bags, out of date prescriptions, and corks at each meeting. The plastic film bag challenge will last until April 15, 2020. See Pam Biddle today with your recycles.

Photography:

Mary Patterson announced that the March program at Winterthur will focus on mushrooms and the meeting will also host a photography show, Mary encouraged the membership to take additional pictures of mushrooms for "display only". These particular photographs are not bound by the typical photo rules and can be any size on any matte.

Reminder of the photo show categories which will be judged:

- Class 1: Stormy Weather – any season
- Class 2: Winter a) Black & White b) color
- Class 3: Reflections
- Class 4: Fungi

Community Projects:

Katherine Maroney announced the November 22-24 date for the Festival of the Trees which will be held at Brantwyn this year. Katherine would appreciate any help decorating a wreath and /or a tree for donation.

Zone V mini meeting @ Longwood Gardens:

Betsy McCoy shared news of David Kulp's GCA Zone Horticulture Commendation. He was recognized for his outstanding commitment to horticulture. The Commendation was sponsored by the GCW and the West Chester Garden Club. Betsy thanked Howie for her beautiful framing of the certificate.

Horticulture:

Lynn Carbonell reminded the membership of the Succulent Workshop at Deb Donaldson's on Monday, November 18th and to please sign up on Whoozin. Tickets are \$25.00

Ways and Means:

Laura du Pont and Elizabeth Mellon reminded the membership about the exciting upcoming fund raiser for the special tour of Blooms and Bamboo: Chrysanthemum and Ikebana Sogetsu Artistry at Longwood Gardens on November 13th. It is a Private After Hours Evening Tour for our club only which will also include Cocktails and light hors d'oeuvres. Tickets are \$45.00

Visiting Gardens:

- Francie Pyle Updated the membership on the exciting Newport, RI trip to be held June 16-19, 2020. The tour itinerary is:
 - Tuesday: June 16th
 - Drive to Newport and check into Viking Hotel on Bellevue Avenue
 - Harbor Cruise on waterfront followed by lobster roll dinner
 - Wednesday: June 17th
 - Tour gardens
 - Thursday: June 18th
 - Tour gardens, including Blue Garden
 - Clam bake on the beach for dinner
 - Friday: June 19th
 - Tour Newport Flower Show in the morning
 - Lunch then drive home
- Francie thanked Peggy Barton, Betty Denham and Barbara Cairns for their dedicated hard work in helping to plan and arrange the Newport trip and flyer.

PHS Exhibit

Patsy Walls and Connie Wissing are the co-chairs of the PHS Exhibit . The flower show will be held Feb 29- March 8, 2020. The theme of the show is Riviera Holiday and our club will be exhibiting the category: Interiorscape. Our interior room will be a flower shop celebrating a new up and coming floral designer. More details of the exhibit will follow.

GCA Centennial Campaign

Beverly Rowland thanked those who had completed their pledge for the campaign and informed those who have not pledged and still wish to pledge, will have until the end of this calendar year.

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Jane and Kate captivated us while discussing and analyzing the exhibits using the elements of flower arrangement for each display. We are grateful for their knowledge and their sharing it with us so that we can learn and hopefully be encouraged to try on our own.

Marion du Pont adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,
Patsy Walls
Recording Secretary