

GARDEN CLUB OF WILMINGTON MEETING MINUTES

September 15, 2022 @ 5:30 PM

Members who RSVP'd as attending the meeting are as follows: D. Abbott; A. Ashly; L. Barton; P. Barton; A. Biggs; P. Bussard; G Butters; B. Cairns; B. Cushman; m. Davis; A. Day; B. Denham; S. DeWees; Y. Dobbs; B. Draper; N. Draper; J. Dugan; L. duPont; C. Eaton; L. Earhart; T. Fiechter; L. Fiechter; D. Fisher; G. Flinn; L. Giacco; M. Griffenberg; W. Habgood; K. Hackett; k. Kristol; L. Laird; R. Lighty; E. Maroney; B. McCoy; M. Patterson; E. Phillips; F. Pyle; N. Reese; E. Roe; L. Roselle; B. Rowland; W. Russell; H. Scott; E. Scott; M. Sharp; M. Silliman; A. Silliman; J. Spruance; S. Townsend; V. Sutton; C. Taylor; M. Waldron; and C. Wissing.

The first meeting of the GCW 2022/23 year was held on September 15, 2022 at 5:30 pm. The annual opening cocktail event was held at the lovely home of Pam Biddle and Joel Fishman at 617 East Hillendale Road, Chadds Ford, PA.

Club members, spouses and guests enjoyed cocktails and hors d'oeuvres on a lovely evening on the patio surrounded by a stunning landscape. GCW Executive Committee "hosted" the meeting, providing all beverages and a delicious food buffet. Celebrity bartenders, Don DeWees and John duPont, were busy the entire evening.

The Club's September Floral Design and Horticultural shows filled the home's elegant interior with striking floral designs and lush horticultural exhibits. The entries had been judged earlier in the day but provided great entertainment during the evening. The judges' results are attached.

The business meeting was called to order by President Sally DeWees at about 6:15 pm. After thanking our gracious hosts, Pam and Joel, Sally announced that the GCA Board has selected the GCW unit to host their Fall Board Retreat on November 13-15, 2022. Wendy Russell, our GCA liaison, and the GCW Executive Committee are assisting in the planning.

This honor gives GCW the opportunity to showcase past and present projects and their impact on the greater Brandywine Valley area. The GCA visit gives our membership the chance to meet our national leadership and to become more familiar with synergistic opportunities.

A cocktail party is planned to include our GCW membership, Zone V leadership, GCW Advisory Committee and special guests. Elizabeth

Mellon has graciously offered to host this special event. More details will follow.

Wendy Russell received the GCW Award of Appreciation for her dedication and effort in creating and maintaining our club website. Wendy was recognized with a huge round of applause in recognition of her hard work for more than two years.

The evening meeting ended at about 8:00 pm.

The next meeting on October 3rd, 11:00 am will be held at Vicmead Hunt Club. The importance to RSVP is emphasized.

Respectively submitted,
Connie Wissing