

Hardy Garden Club Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, November 10, 2015
Home of Fran Ober

Present: Barbara Gould, Allison Williams (with guest, Sarah Hoff), Jane Love, Debbie Kurz, Gina Dowgiewicz, Nancy Powell, Beth Purvis (with guest Joan Hammond), Fran Ober, Mariana Bacon, Pat Ghingher, Donna Reid, Gail Petersen, Joan Moore, Bliss McCord.

The meeting was called to order at 8:50. Barbara welcomed guests and thanked hostesses. Allison introduced our speaker, Middleton Evans, who spoke and showed slides about his photographic chronicle of the restoration of the lake at Patterson Park and the attendant huge increase in the wild bird population there. This project began in the late 1990s and took almost 15 years to complete. His work resulted in a lovely coffee table book, *The Miracle Pond*, which he offered for sale afterwards.

Following his talk, Barbara conducted a short business meeting. Following are announcements:

Joan Moore: had fun facts handout about unusual pollinators (from pgs. 8-9 of last month's pollinator handout). She also brought several bags of her mother's daffodil bulbs still available for purchase, along with replacement bulbs if anyone had defective ones from last month.

Allison Williams: Tuesday, Dec. 15 will be the annual boxwood tree workshop at Mays Chapel at 10 a.m. Members should bring ornaments, greens, clippers, and unwrapped travel size toiletries. Please, no food items. Our annual cocktail party with spouses and significant others, hosted by the Board, will be later that evening at 6:30 at Nancy Hudson's house.

Gina Dowgiewicz: urged pizza lovers pick up a flyer and to eat lunch or dinner at Bertucci's Timonium on December 1. Fifteen percent of your bill will be donated to a charity dear to Gina's heart, Dayspring Programs, Inc. A former early childhood educator for Project Head Start, Gina said this would benefit the lives of children and families affected by substance abuse, homelessness and poverty.

Carolyn: asked that people owning digital SLR cameras please let her know. She is the chair of our Garden History and Design committee. Any photographs for garden submissions for the Smithsonian project must be taken with that camera.

Barbara talked briefly about the Zone VI Garden show last month, congratulating two members for awards received. Barbara Stone received GCA's Sandra Naylor Novice Award for best miniature arrangement. Bliss McCord's container of succulents, representing Hardy, also received a first prize in the Club Challenge class.

Barbara also had handouts for members: one was a summary of the goals and process for finding an ongoing project the club can undertake that will raise funds. The other advertised an Introduction to Basic Floral Design workshop in Philadelphia on January 7 and 8, 2016. This is a great opportunity for beginning arrangers to get their feet wet. Registration closes December 10 and the fee for the classes is \$175.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bliss McCord