

Perennial Garden Club Minutes – September 19, 2017

Welcome! The idea is for this year to be fun!

Thanks to Liz Dugan for her hospitality and to the hostesses, Ann West, Betsy Burke, Rosemarie Lantini, and Sarah Salomon.

Minutes for the June meeting were approved.

Unfinished Business: Sarah Salomon was awarded the Allium Award for her extraordinary design for the GCA annual meeting.

Caroline Ervin, treasurer, gave a report on the budget, which is attached. It was decided that funds not expended on the Bishop Walker School project should be donated to the Washington Youth Garden in their work to educate children in the district about nature and healthy eating. Fortunately the Washington Youth Garden chose BWS as their focus school for the next two years.

Caroline asked that the committee chairs look over the budget to ascertain if the funds allocated to the committee are adequate. If more funds are required, please let Caroline know. It was acknowledged that the Horticulture Committee needs display stands.

A fundraising committee has been formed, co-chaired by Peggy Rhoades and Betsy Nottingham, to include Amy Reese and Betsy Burke. No funds will be expended on a location so that as much as is raised can be donated. Conservation will be the focus of the club's project and that project will be the recipient of the funds raised by the club.

Georgia Nassikas has produced a remarkable calendar of programs for the club this year. We will travel on October 10 to Glenstone Museum, Potomac, MD for a tour and talk about this garden by Paul Tukey on sustainable strategies especially concerning stream restoration. We can look forward to an exciting November meeting – a talk by Kathleen Biggins who spoke on climate change at NAL 2017. Here's an opportunity to really get a sense of what is happening to our Mother Earth. December is the greens workshop, always a highlight of the year, and on January 9 we will gather to learn how to do kokedama from Young Choe. February will be an evening meeting, a

talk on edible landscapes by Michael Judd. Meg Page will discuss her artwork at the March meeting and in April we will take a spectacular rooftop tour, Up Top Acres near Nats Stadium. May is the floral, horticultural, and photography show and cocktail party. The flower show theme will be table-top stories or tablescapes. June is the annual meeting with awards and plant exchange. This promises to be a fantastic year!

Kathy Byrnes reminds members to please bring guests to at least two meetings before January, the deadline for getting in names for membership. The executive board votes on new members in February and the new policy will be for membership to vote on new members in March rather than May so that the new members can participate in and attend the flower show.

Louise Williams reminds us to start collecting clear bottles for the Hort show. There will be a collection bag at each meeting. Louise also reminded members to check out the GCA website, which has been updated and is a great source. She also noted that no one from our club has signed up for the Shirley Meneice conference and that the GCA is looking for judges.

After the meeting, individual members shared some wonderful plants, books, and garden tools that are special to them. These included Sea Star espadrilles, Joyce Chen shears, Green Spring Garden, and lycoris squamigera radiata (bulb).

Penny Morrill  
Recording Secretary