February 10, 2026

Location - St. Francis in-the-Fields Episcopal Church

689 Sugartown Rd. Malvern, PA at 10:00 AM.

Luncheon Hosts: Sue Keith, Gail Warner-Lidondici, Linda Jasinski

Attendees:

Troy Patterson	Dee Gleason	Meg Spurlin
Nancy Allard	Hope Wood	Nancy Van Orman
Lu Bonkowski	Alice Waegel	Susie Allman
Jill Pirhalla	Connie Pollock	Aldus Wertz
Ginny Levy	Patty Cunningham	Sue Keith
Ann Williams	Jennifer Patterson	Susan Nichols
Eva Kaufmann	Gail Warner-Lidondici	Lynd Meyer
Karan Guyon	Linda Jasinski	Mary Jo O'Rourke
Josie Parman & Guest		

WCGC Agenda

1. Presidents Report - Susan presented her monthly report

Highlights:

- We will move to St. Francis in-the-Fields for all club meetings beginning in September
- This will allow us to have a consistent meeting place with a kitchen, fully equipped AV facilities, and space for workshops during meetings
- There is plenty of free parking!
- This benefits both the church and the WCGC
- Thanks to Lynd and The Rev. Kevin Dellaria, Rector for welcoming us to St. Francis in-the-Fields
- Jill created a calendar online, will populate it and it will be maintained, so please use it!
- On Sunday, February 8, a new member get together was held at the home of Susan Nichols. Our newest members and the executive board met for appetizers, some adult beverages conversation and fun. A fun activity planned by Alice Waegel paired new members with the longer-term members to create a flower arrangement. Vases, flowers, greenery and ribbons were provided, and each team were invited to create! It was a fun time, and each new member took home a lovely arrangement.

2. Poem - Susan read a poem celebrating February

3. Approval of January Minutes - The meeting minutes were approved

4. Treasurer's Report - Karan presented her monthly report for January

- January Finance Report – please open the link, Karen is watching ☺
- Please consider purchasing from Brent and Becky when ordering bulbs. Our club receives a percentage of all sales using this link. Click this link to Blooming Bucks and from the pull down menu select West Chester Garden Club to make your purchase.

5. Ways and Means – Eva Kaufmann: key points from Eva's report

- The annual yard sale at the East Goshen Twp. building is the weekend before our flower show. The date is Saturday, April 18th please start collecting items to contribute to the sale
- The committee will also be having a workshop in October to make Christmas wreaths to be sold at the West Chester Library house tour in December. Please

collect small items, ribbons, Christmas balls, etc. The date for the workshop will be announced later.

- Ways and Means February report

6. Founders Fund - Susie Allman presented three finalists for the GCA Founders Fund awards
    - Susie presented the three finalists:
        - Appalachian Spring
        - Community Greening
        - Garden of Hope
    - A vote will be taken at the next meeting
7. National positions – Ginny Levy is joining the Executive Committee of the GCA. Congratulations Ginny!
    - In her new role Ginny is encouraging members to who are interested to seek roles the at the national or Zone level in the future to reach out to her for more info and to express interest
8. Visiting Gardens – Meg Spurlin presented ideas for gardens to visit in the Spring.
    - Pop-up ideas were presented and will be dependent on the weather and other potential conflicting activities – watch your email for last minute garden visits
    - An overnight visit end March/beginning of April to the Washington D.C. and Richmond VA. area. Check your email for more details
    - April visit to Cavano's Nursery, Kingsmill, MD where they will offer the club 50% off retail. Caranos Nursery
    - Cavano is close to Ladew Topiary Garden for those who may be interested
    - Ladew Topiary Gardens
9. New Business – No new business

10. Show and Tell – Ann Williams shared the article that appeared in the Southern Chester County Weekly Reports – a reprint of the article that appeared in the Daily Local News

Jen Patterson presented planning information for the upcoming WCGC flower show. Her presentation can be accessed via this link: Jen's Flower Show presentation