



South Central PA Chapter

Wild Ones of South-Central PA Monthly Meeting via Zoom

April 24, 2023, Minutes (Submitted by Lorrie Preston, Secretary)

Meeting recording link:

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Attendance (22)

Members: Arlene Taylor, Cindy Hogeman, Debra Latsha, Florence Pyle, Gay Bowman, Jady Conroy, Jane Shull, Jane Allis, Jane Earle, Karen Rudy, Kerri Thauby, Lisa Emig, Lorrie Preston, Margaret Naguski, Melanie Wertz, Shawna Raymond, Susan Boling, Susan Wilder, Wendy Smith

Non-Members: Jennifer King, Janice Rose, Mary Wohler

Welcome and Introductions: Those attending introduced themselves and noted the county where they reside.

Minutes of March Meeting – Approved

Reports

Membership – Kerri Thauby - We had 6 new members join since our last meeting. Welcome to Erica Eisenacher, Traci Shughart, Susan Boling, Scott Fitzpatrick, Lisa Boyer, and Milton Gaither! Our new members were referred by word of mouth (3), Ashcombe open house (1), the New Cumberland Earth Fest (1), and The Bower (1).

We also had 1 membership renewal and 1 expired membership. We currently have a total of 68 active members (which includes 2 family memberships). We have 38 people on our listserv.

Treasurer – Margaret Naguski - We had one expense this month for the printing of 200 brochures for \$92 which leaves us with a balance of \$1,198.91. We have given out so many brochures lately that we may need more printed soon.

Activities/Events:

1. **April 15 - Mechanicsburg Earth Day Festival** – Due to rain, a fee of \$75 for non-profits to participate, and 2 events on the same weekend, we decided not to display this year.
2. **April 16 - New Cumberland Earth and Arts Festival** - Thank you to Jane Allis and Karen Rudy for staffing our display table. Many people who they talked with expressed their desire to add native plants to their gardens this year. Very encouraging. A well-planned and well-attended event that was worth our while. We gave out our mini-seed packets of native PA wildflowers.
3. **April 23 - Field trip to Bowman's Hill Wildflower Preserve** – Eight members made the 2-hour trip to the preserve and were rewarded with beautiful wildflowers and vistas – even frogs, turtles and a couple of water-snakes!



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4. **2nd Annual Native Species Day - Coming up Thursday, May 18th- 9:30 a.m.** Our chapter is partnering with Appalachian Audubon to lead a walk at the Vincent DiFillipo Nature Preserve in Silver Spring Township, 110 Sample Bridge Rd, Mechanicsburg. We'll be talking about native plants, birds, insects, and more and their interdependence, as well as invasive plants and species and their impacts. **All chapter members are welcome and the event is open to the public.** It is being posted on the official PA Gov't Native Species website [Pennsylvania Native Species Day \(pa.gov\)](https://www.penn.gov/native-species), social media, and more. Invite others and spread the word with our poster, etc. Options for 1-3 miles of walking will be available on relatively level terrain. Lorrie Preston and Jane Earle plan to be there from our group to lead, and Rick and Peggy Price will be there from AAS to help identify birds. Attendees will be given one of the free mini-packets of PA wildflower seeds that Jane Allis and Shawna Raymond put together.
5. **Communication with the media** – Wendy Smith made the connection between Jane Allis and Scott Lamar of WITF 89.5 FM and his program “The Spark” which airs at noon. Jane is to be interviewed about Native Species Day and our W.O. chapter and will be on NPR. Lorrie Preston connected Jane Allis and Alexandra Debicki, reporter for FOX43 TV, so Jane and perhaps another Wild One will be interviewed on the same topics for an upcoming TV segment on the Fox 43 evening news which will be broadcast before our May 18th walk.
6. **Outreach to Schools** – Jill Zdunczyk – No report this month.
7. **Our 1st Native Plant Sale with the Diakon Wilderness Greenhouse – May 6, 9 – 3:00**
571 Mountain Rd., Boiling Springs
Come out to support us with your plant purchase! Check out their plant inventory online and make your shopping list! Invite your friends, family, and neighbors!
<https://www.diakon.org/wilderness-greenhouse/inventory/>
We can still use 1 more volunteer from 12- 3 p.m. to help customers at the sale:
<https://www.diakon.org/wilderness-greenhouse/volunteers/>
8. **Kelsey Mummert** – DCNR Lawn Conversion Program and local Native Plant Society. We will arrange for a presentation about the DCNR program for an upcoming meeting.
9. **Committees:** **Check to be sure you are listed on the correct committee and please let Jane Allis know if there is a committee you want to help with. Many hands make light work!**
 - a. **Field Trips:** Jane Allis, Jane Earle
 - b. **Programs:** (would include plant sale and seed swap): Lorrie Preston, Melanie Wertz, Janet Bargh (We will get together sometime after busy planting season)
 - c. **Community Outreach** (Townships, Landscapers, Garden Centers, Developers): Heather Andrews, Lisa Emig, Wendy Smith
 - d. **School Outreach:** Jill Zdunczyk, Kerri Thauby, Karen Rudy
 - e. **Media:** **Members needed for this committee! We'll get you started!**
 - f. **Nominating Committee:** To be determined in the fall
 - g. **Committees report at the monthly meetings, as needed,** but not required.



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10. By-Laws – Tabled for future meeting

For the good of the chapter –

Arlene Taylor reminded us that the Wildwood Wetlands Festival is taking place this coming Saturday, April 29th, from 10-4. <https://explorewildwoodpark.org/event/wetlands-festival/>

The Lancaster Native Plant and Wildlife Festival is also taking place on Saturday, the 29th, 8 - 1.

<https://lancnativeplantfestival.com/>

In case you are not available to come to our own native plant sale at the Diakon Wilderness Greenhouse on May, 6th, the Appalachian Audubon Society is hosting their native plant sale there this coming Saturday, April 29th, from 9-3.

Presentation: “Plant It and They Will Come” Presented by chapter member Jane Shull, Perry County

Jane shared beautiful photos of a multitude of butterfly species in various life stages using host and nectar plants in her gorgeous gardens. We now know what we can look forward to seeing on our July 23rd field trip to her gardens! Thank you for sharing with us and inspiring us, Jane. Can't wait for butterfly season!