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Wild Ones of South Central PA Monthly Meeting via Zoom April 29, 2024 Minutes

Link to recording: [WildOnes April Membership Meeting](#)

Please note that the recording is for the membership meeting and does not include the earlier business meeting

BUSINESS MEETING 6:30pm

Attendance (20)

Members: Jane Allis, President (P), Heather Andrews, Vice President (C), Lorrie Preston, Membership (Y), Margaret Naguski, Treasurer (C), Tami Harnish, Secretary (C), Wendy Smith, Director (C), Cindy Hogeman, Director (D), Cynthia Hooks (C), Dan Kamenetsky (D), Deb Latsha (Y), Arlene Taylor (D), Karen Rudy (C), Jady Conroy (C), Jane Earle (C), Josh Donaldson (F), Kristen Acri (C), Melanie Green (Y), Ronny McDowell (D), Stephanie Cimino (A), Terry Bills (Y)

Membership Meeting 7:15pm

Attendance (24)

Members: Jane Allis, President (P), Heather Andrews, Vice President (C), Lorrie Preston, Membership (Y), Margaret Naguski, Treasurer (C), Tami Harnish, Secretary (C), Wendy Smith, Director (C), Cindy Hogeman, Director (D), Bob Bargh (A), Cynthia Hooks (C), Dan Kamenetsky (D), Deb Latsha (Y), Diana Bermingham (C), Arlene Taylor (D), Karen Rudy (C), Jady Conroy (C), Jane Earle (C), Josh Donaldson (F), Kristen Acri (C), Melanie Green (Y), Nancy Williams (D), Ronny McDowell (D), Shawna Raymond (Y), Stephanie Cimino (A), Terry Bills (Y)

County Abbreviations: A=Adams, C=Cumberland, D=Dauphin, F=Franklin, P=Perry, Y=York

Membership approved the minutes of March Meeting (held April 1, 2024)

Reports

Treasurer – Margaret Naguski

- \$100 donation from downtown Market Square Presbyterian Church for talk that Jane Allis gave
- Spent \$209 on informational handouts
- Current Balance \$3,288.13
- \$10 reimbursement/deposit due to Jane overpaying printer by \$10.

Membership Report- Lorrie Preston

- In April we added 4 new members. We welcome Nancy Sherer, Vickie Petrina, Klarissa Hargan and Rebecca Buckham to our group. Referrals came from the Cumberland Herb Society, Penn State Master Gardeners, Reddit, and our own chapter.



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- We had 8 membership renewals in April. Thank you to everyone who renewed. We had 1 expired membership.
- In April, National Wild Ones surpassed 10,000 members!
- Our own chapter now has 96 members, which includes 2 family memberships. Just 6 more memberships are needed to reach 100!

Listserve Update – no update

Committee Reports:

Field Trips: Jane Allis, Jane Earle Refer to Calendar for 2024

- Donald L. Wittlinger Nature Preserve – review:
Cynthia Hooks – small crowd (~5 members). Got some good ideas. Talked about removing invasive plants. Wendy Smith asked if they had thought about a controlled burn – but too close to downtown Boiling Springs.
- May 16: PA NATIVE SPECIES DAY - Audubon/WO SCPA walk at Thornwald Park, Carlisle 5:30pm Table with info on native plants and invasives. Erik Smith is contact. See attached flyer for more information.
- June program – Attempted to get something together to visit Edge of the Woods. After discussion, best left to September timeframe. Jane Allis asked for ideas for June field trip. Heather Andrews suggest [Ladew Gardens](#) in Monkton, Maryland. Ladew is a famous topiary garden, with multiple garden “rooms”, a butterfly house and nice café. Visitors can also tour the house.
- August - Josh Donaldson had suggestion for field trip in August, possibly on the 8th. In Chambersburg – Conococheague Audubon Native Plant Garden in Norlo Park. 6pm at the Garden. Certified as pollinator-friendly garden. There is a native plant shop (Native Niche) nearby that may be open before the garden visit. Josh will follow up.

Programs: Heather Andrews, Melanie Wertz, Janet Bargh

- May 4th - Plant sale with Diakon We have all volunteer slots filled (Margaret Naguski to fill in last afternoon slot)
Lorrie Preston stated that at Diakon last week (Audubon sale) – it was pretty steady traffic. On the weekend before – it was very crowded

Community Outreach Report (Townships, Landscapers, Garden Centers, Developers): Heather Andrews, Lisa Emig, Wendy Smith

- Lorrie Preston gave update on West Shore Wildlife Rehab (near Pinchot Park)
<https://wildfoods4wildlife.com> –



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Lorrie took down some downed limbs and juniper cuttings. Lorrie will be at Diakon sale on Saturday, people can bring items to sale if packaged up. If find Chinese praying mantis egg sacks – they will also take to hatch and feed to wildlife.

- May 23: 1030am (talk starts at 1100) Heather to talk at York County Municipal Administrators Meeting

Schools Outreach: Kerri Thauby, Karen Rudy – no report

Tabling events: Shippensburg, New Cumberland

- Coming up: Farmers on the Square, Carlisle May 8;
- Camp Hill Farmers Market two Tuesdays, June 4 and Sept. 24 (3-7pm), Kristen Acri and Lorrie Preston – looking for a third person;
- Master Gardeners Plant Sale May 18;
- June 15 Butterflies, Birds, Bees, Bats, and Blooms at Ft. Halifax;
- Storm Fest Camp Hill July 24



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MEMBERSHIP MEETING 7:15 pm

Member introductions. Query of the Month: *Who most inspired you to garden for pollinators?*

Business Session Summary –

- reminder of plant sale, start at 0900 this Saturday!
- PA Native Plant Day – combined with Appalachian Audubon at Thornwald Park, Carlisle
- Heather’s talk-municipal admins mtg
- Cumberland County Master Gardeners Plan Sale May 18
- Farmers Markets in Carlisle and Camp Hill
- Check Calendar and website for events and dates
- Changes to field trips – June – Ladew Gardens, September – Edge of Woods, August – Audubon Chambersburg Garden
- Seed Swap later this Fall

Discussion topics:

- Members talked about winter sowing and different success rates.
- Discussed discouraging voles. If use traps, put under pot or something so that birds and other critters can’t get caught.
- Lorrie Preston-discussed importance of leaving the plant stems. When she finally started cleaning up garden– found lots of stems with (insect) exit holes. Mostly on swamp milkweed and Agastache
- Cindy Hogeman recommended using rosemary around new plants – helps to deter deer
- Wendy Smith – Grows trees for Chesapeake Bay Foundation. She will take seedlings from members (if native)
- Wild Ones National Annual Meeting Report – no report
- Book reviews/recommendations – None discussed

Attached: 2024 Calendar Updated with additional collaborative events, PA Native Plant Day – Thornwald Park flyer