



Connecting people and native plants for a healthy planet

Wild Ones of South Central PA Monthly Meeting via Zoom

December 2, 2024 Minutes

(No recording available)

7:00 pm Meeting Start

Attendance:

Jane A.	Jennifer K.
Kristen A.	Deb L.
Wendy S.	Shawna R.
Heather A.	Susan B.
Lorrie P.	Arlene T.
Margaret N.	Susan W.
Cindy H.	Karen R.
Wendy S.	MaryAnn S.
Nancy S.	Melanie G.

Welcome and Introduction

Minutes of October Meeting - Approved

Deferred officer reports until after election.

Election of Officers and Directors for 2025. Both approved unanimously.

President: [Jane Allis](#)

Vice President: [Heather Andrews](#)

Secretary: [Tami Harnish](#)

Treasurer: [Margaret Naguski](#)

Membership Chair: [Lorrie Preston](#)

Directors at Large

[Wendy Smith](#)

[Cindy Hogeman](#)



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Jane A. showed presentation on Year in Review/SCPA WildOnes Annual Report. It presented an overview of activities and events throughout 2024 and with proposed goals for 2025. One of the goals is to expand our Chapter's social media presence and we need a dedicated volunteer for that. Anyone interested should contact Jane or one of the other officers.

The group discussed the Recovering America's Wildlife Act (webinar by National Wildlife Federation) in front of Congress. The Act passed in the House, will see if it can pass the Senate. Each state must come up with an Action Plan. You can view PA's action plan on PA Game Commission site.

Seed Share Event Review – had a good turn-out. Lots of seeds exchanged. People enjoyed Heather's talk. A sign-up sheet was available and 37 people signed in. More people did show up, but didn't sign book. At least 15 non-members attended. Lorrie sent letters to all non-members. 4 of those people became new members. Items that people brought in to give away – tools, books – almost everything went. Donations from event were \$45. Lots of people interested in winter sowing. See attachment for step-by-step instructions for growing seeds in milk jugs.

End of year reports (Jane A. and Margaret N.) due to National.

Reports

Membership – Lorrie P.

- We added 6 new memberships since our last meeting on 10/28/24. Welcome to Kathy S., Lori B., Maureen C., Jeremy K., Ember J. and Joanne C.
- Referrals came from: 1 from Facebook, 1 from PA Native Plant Society, 3 from current W.O. members, and 1 from one of the new members.
- Four of the new members had attended the Seed Share. Fifteen non-member guests of the Seed Share were sent follow-up letters and invitations to join our chapter.
- We had 4 renewals during this period.
- Two memberships expired.
- According to National Wild Ones, this brings us to 98 active memberships, which includes 6 group memberships. National shows us as having 103 members, but $98 + 6 = 104$ members. Unsure where the discrepancy is.
- Discussion about how to keep adding more new members than losing. Some suggestions:
 - Maybe poll members as to what chapter can do to maintain members?
 - Suggest people who grew out seedlings from seed share – that they share/donate extras to membership
 - Plan an in-person membership meeting



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- Plant swap – bring a plant, take a plant
 - Bring other items (gloves, tools, etc.), draw names
- Agreed to plan an in-person event for May or June

No Treasurer's report given.

\$2884.15 current balance shown on Year overview presentation report

Query questions for attendees:

Plans for garden next year?

Some examples:

- Not grow so many plants, thin out existing plants
- Create mini-meadow
- More ground covers, less mulch
- Grow trees
- Expand swaths of plants doing well
- More natural/wild gardening
- Reorganize existing landscape
- Planting new shrubs/trees

What other organizations do you belong to that link to Native Plants?

Examples:

- PA Native Plant Society
- [One5C](#) (tips on how to help the environment)
- HEAT committee/Pollinator steward
- Appalachian Audubon
- National Homegrown Park
- Municipality Environmental Advisory Team
- Facebook group on 5 Senses Garden
- Master Gardeners
- Manada Conservancy
- Master Watershed Steward
- PA Master Naturalist
- Conodoguinet Creek Watershed Association
- Cumberland Herb Society

Previously gave \$200 donation to National Wild Ones organization. Jane suggested another \$200 donation for 2025. Tabled until next year and review of finances look like next year.



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Upcoming events (refer to attached calendar):

Next week – webinar on groundcovers

Next meeting – 27January2025

Winter Sowing video Heather A. made with Donna W.

https://youtu.be/cCoMImMagms?si=pekDCnng-AYZ_9f4

Attached: 2025 Calendar, Annual Overview SCPA 2024 Presentation, Seed Starting in Milk Jugs (Winter Sowing), Seed Propagation, WildOnes Gloves