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Wild Ones of South Central PA Monthly Meeting via Zoom Monday, September 29, 2025 Minutes

Link to Recording: [SCPA WildOnes Sept Meeting](#)

Note that recordings are only available for 14 days from posting.

Attendance (B – Business Meeting, M – Membership Meeting)

Members:

Jane A. (President) – B	Jane E. – M
Heather A. (Vice President) – B	Jane H. – M
Margaret N. (Treasurer) – B	Karen R. – B
Lorrie P. (Membership) – B	Kristen A. – B
Tami H. (Secretary) – B	Nancy S. – M
Cindy H. (Director) – B	Randi K-L. – M
Teresa K. – B	Ruth S. – M
Arlene T. - M	Shawna R. – M
Cynthia H. – M	Teresa K. - B
Jady C. - M	

Other attendees: N/A

Business Meeting:

Minutes of August 2025 Meeting – Approved August meeting minutes

Membership – Lorrie P.

- We have added 3 new memberships since our last meeting, with one of them being a family membership. Welcome to Starr T., Doris and Rob U. and Randi K.L.
- Six memberships were renewed this month, with one being a family membership. Your continued support of our chapter is very much appreciated.
- One membership expired this month.
- That brings us to 115 memberships, with 8 of them being group memberships, for a total of 123 members. Our current retention rate is over 80%. National WildOnes is now over 13,000 members strong.
- Complimentary Memberships
 - Damek D. of Highland Gardens does not wish to accept the final Complimentary Membership for 2025. Suggestions are needed for our final recipient for this year. Jennifer M. of Ashcombe and Deb L. of Bee City in Camp Hill are the other two 2025 recipients.



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- Jane A. suggested giving the complimentary membership to Shelby U. – worked at the Bower, has started her own native plant landscaping business. Lorrie to follow up.

Treasurer – Margaret Naguski

- \$319.50 in income. \$15 from glove donations, rest from dues disbursements from National
- \$50 in expenses (100 brochures)
- \$6,799.33 Current Balance

Committee Reports:

Programs: Heather A.

Seed Share is **Nov. 9, 1-3pm** at the Camp Hill Giant Try to pre-package and label seeds. Easier than trying to divvy up at the venue. Bring seeds, but also donated items for the garden (garden books, tools, etc.). Jane sending notice to area Garden Clubs.

Kristen to tag them on social media if they have accounts. Also, can add to local Library community boards.

Maggie Douglas giving talk at seed share. She will try to record for later viewing.

Craighead tabling event this weekend – ensure volunteers have Seed Share flyer.

Field Trips:

Oct 19th, 1:30pm Field Trip to Kings Gap to enjoy fall colors and see their native gardens. Meet in front of the Mansion.

Community Outreach Report: no report

Tabling events:

Oct. 4th, 9:00am – 2:00pm. Falconry Day at Craighead House. Thank you, Kristen A. and Cindy H., for volunteering for this event- looks like a great event. Hawk demonstrations, things for kids to do.

Draft of grant program for our chapter – status update. Reviewed application questions. Trying to keep it simple. Giving out in increments of \$250 (give away a total of 4). Have a certain application period, then close (hopefully, December-January timeframe). Committee to recommend winners. Discussed how to promote: schools, garden clubs, ask members to disseminate. Advertise at seed share. Members can apply, but want to limit that (maybe one out of four).

Chapter board elections coming up in December. Need nominating committee. Asked for volunteers. Nominating committee – Tami H. and Kristen A. We will want a third person.



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Discussed how National WildOnes elects Directors/Officers versus our local Chapter By-Laws. National elects Board Directors, then Directors select Officers. SCPA chapter elects both Officers and Directors. (5 Officers and 2 Directors).

Lorrie P.: [West Shore Wildlife](#) came to last Audubon meeting and they are still interested in getting people to collect nuts, fruiting items, materials for Wildlife use. To see what types of items are acceptable, see website [wildfoods4Wildlife.com](#). Folks can bring items to the King's Gap fieldtrip. Lorrie P. to send out more details on listserve.

Jane A. - Looking for suggestions for speakers or webinars for future meetings. Suggested to do a webinar for December, then try for speaker for January.

Talks coming up Weaner, Tallamy. (*see details below in membership meeting section*)

General Membership Meeting:

Review of Business Meeting (see above notes)

Upcoming webinars on [National WildOnes website](#):

Oct. 16 "Next Steps for Nature" Doug Tallamy

Nov. 20 "Living in the Liberated Landscape" Larry Weaner talk coming soon with Wild Ones national

Introductions and Query of the Month: *What plants have you had the best success with starting from seed?*

Winter sowing in milk jugs or similar containers. Alternate method: Seeds in bag with wet sand, put in refrigerator for a couple months. Take out, when warm up seeds will germinate and then you can plant out. Some good to just sow directly onto soil.

Some member responses:

Aesculus pavia (red buckeye tree)

Eupatorium hyssopifolium (hyssop-leaved thoroughwort)

Rudbeckia maxima (giant coneflower)

Eryngium yuccifolium (rattlesnake master)

Monarda fistulosa (wild bergamot), other Monardas (M. didyma, M. punctata, etc.)

Hypericum perforatum (great St. Johns wort)

Solidago speciosa (showy goldenrod)

Andropogon gerardii (big blue stem grass)

Penstemon digitalis (foxglove beardtongue)

Asclepias tuberosa (butterfly weed)

Rudbeckia hirta (black-eyed Susan)



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Chamaecrista fasciculata (partridge pea)
Mountain mints and asters – take cuttings, babies (sprouts)
Baptisia – seem to germinate well, but don't do well after transplanting
Verbesina alternifolia (wingstem)
Schizachyrium scoparium (little bluestem grass)
Liatris spicata (spiked gayfeather)
Aquilegia canadensis (wild columbine)
Verbena stricta (hoary vervain)
Elymus hystrix (bottle brush grass)
Asclepias incarnata (swamp milkweed)
Liatris scariosa (blazing star)
Lobelia siphilitica (great blue lobelia)
Eurybia divaricata (white wood aster)
Scutellaria spp. (skullcaps)
Lobelia cardinalis (cardinal flower)
Campanula americana (tall bellflower)
Allium cernuum (nodding onion)

Nominating Committee: Three volunteers needed to enlist members for the slate of Officers and Board members for vote at the December Annual Meeting. Currently have Tami H. and Kristen A. as volunteers. Need one more.

To be elected: Board – 5 Officers and 2 Directors.

HOA House Bill 1878 Prime Sponsor: Rep. Justin Fleming; Co-Sponsors: Rep. Abigail Salisbury, Rep. Carol Hill-Evans, Rep. Greg Vitali, Rep. Joe McAndrew, Rep. Robert Freeman, Rep. Danielle Friel, Rep. Benjamin Sanchez (all D), Rep. Valerie Gaydos (R). Write your rep to support or thank for sponsoring if he/she is a sponsor. See [Link](#) for bill.

Mention native foods for wildlife for West Shore Wildlife Center. Can bring to King's Gap field trip or Seed Share. Wildfoods4Wildlife.com – has list of items they can use.

Less lawn, More Life Challenge idea – viewed brief video: [Less Lawn More Life](#)

Take a quiz first to get baseline on property. Maybe try to take challenge together as a group.

Attached: Minutes from September meeting, Calendar, Seed Share Flyer, Seed Saving Brochure